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JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the preservation and publication of portions of the early state and provincial records and other state papers of New Hampshire.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That his excellency the governor be hereby authorized and empowered, with the advice and consent of the council, to employ some suitable person—and fix his compensation, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated—to collect, arrange, transcribe, and superintend the publication of such portions of the early state and provincial records and other state papers of New Hampshire as the governor may deem proper; and that eight hundred copies of each volume of the same be printed by the state printer, and distributed as follows: namely, one copy to each city and town in the state, one copy to such of the public libraries in the state as the governor may designate, fifty copies to the New Hampshire Historical Society, and the remainder placed in the custody of the state librarian, who is hereby authorized to exchange the same for similar publications by other states.

Approved August 4, 1881.

In accordance with the foregoing resolution, the governor, with advice of the council, on the 12th day of October, 1881, appointed and commissioned ISAAC W. HAMMOND as "Editor and Compiler of State Papers."

EDITOR'S PREFACE.

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This volume completes the publication of the documents relating to the towns in this state, which were collected by the editor in 1879 and 1880, placed in volumes in the office of the secretary of state, and labelled "Town Papers, Collection of 1880," and "Indian and French Wars, and Revolutionary Papers, Collection of 1880." There are twelve of the former and four of the latter; and the figures in brackets at the beginning of each article in this volume refer to the number and page of the manuscript volume where the original document may be found. The characteristics of this volume are similar to the two next preceding, and it will be necessary, in most cases, to examine the three, to find all the matter relating to any town. An abstract of the contents may be found at the commencement, which will give the reader an idea of the nature of each document; and at the end is a copious index, containing all the names of towns and persons mentioned, with reference to every place in which they occur. The compilation of said index required a large amount of labor, but without one full and complete, an historical work loses a large portion of its value;—and the editor respectfully calls the attention of gentlemen who are compiling town histories, to the importance of indexing the same fully and completely.

The increasing interest manifested by the citizens of the state, generally, in matters relating to its early history, is strong evidence of their intelligence and patriotism, and augurs well for the future.

The amount of time and money expended in the publication of these volumes is small, compared with the benefits that will accrue to our citizens in various ways; and it is believed that the wisdom of our legislature in authorizing their publication,

and of the governors and councils in causing the same to be done, will become more apparent and be still better appreciated as time passes on, and that these volumes will be highly valued by succeeding generations.

The editor desires to express his grateful acknowledgments to His Excellency Samuel W. Hale and the honorable council for their cordial support and encouragement in his labors; to Hon. A. B. Thompson, secretary of state, for valued counsel; and to many other citizens of the state for the helpful interest they have shown in the work, and their readiness to answer any and all requests made of them in furtherance of its compilation.

In accordance with the provisions of a joint resolution of the legislature, approved August 4, 1881, the governor, with the advice of the council, has authorized the publication of the Revolutionary War Rolls of this state, and the work has been commenced. These rolls do not exist in duplicate, and many of them are torn and defaced in consequence of much handling. The importance of their publication as the best way to preserve the names of those brave and determined men is apparent to every patriotic citizen of the state who has examined them.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

EARLY TOWN PAPERS.

NEW LONDON.

The largest part of the territory now contained in this town was granted by the Masonian proprietors, July 7, 1773, to Jonas Minot and others, as an addition to the Alexandria grant, previously made by the same proprietors. The territory had been known by the name of Heidleburg for some years previous to this grant, and was subsequently so called by some; although in all official documents which I have seen, it is designated Alexandria Addition, from the date of the grant until it was incorporated June 25, 1779, by its present name. It was surveyed by Jeremiah Page prior to the grant (Vol. XI, p. 10), and granted in accordance with a plan by him made. The first meeting under the incorporation was called by Samuel Messer, and held Aug. 3, 1779.

June 19, 1793, lots numbered from 19 to 25, inclusive, in the north-west part of Kearsarge Gore, were annexed to New London.

The town has been enlarged by the addition of territory taken from Wendell (Sunapee) as follows: A portion taken by an act approved Dec. 11, 1804, and another June 19, 1817.

The northerly part was severed by an act approved June 18, 1807, combined with a portion of Kearsarge Gore, and incorporated into the town of Wilmot.

[8-1] [*Record of Masonian Grant, 1773.*]

Province of New Hampshire—

At a meeting of the Proprietors of the lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r in New Hampshire, held at Portsmouth on the 7th day of July 1773—

Voted also that there be and hereby is granted unto the beforenamed Jonas Minott Jonathan Bagley William Bailey John Talford, William Talford, Matthew Thornton, Robert McMurphy Daniel Rindge and Joshua Talford, on the Terms, Conditions, Limitations & Reservations herein after exprest—a certain tract of land Situate in the County of Hillsborough and province of New Hampshire, bounded as follows, viz^t beginning at the Southwesterly Corner of Alexandria aforesaid, on the Patent line and running on said Patent line to Fishersfield Corner, in great Sunipe Pond, from thence East on the northerly Side line of Fishersfield, four hundred Seventy two rods, to Parrys Town Corner, then north eighty five degrees east, about four miles to a Beach tree marked on Parrys town line; from thence north thirty nine degrees east, about Sixteen hundred and Seventy two rods, to a Beach tree marked in alexandria Corner; from thence north twelve degrees West, to the Patent line aforementioned, on the Westerly Side of said alexandria—To have and to hold to the said Minot his Heirs and assigns for ever, the one moiety of said land, and to the said Jonathan Bagley, William Bailey, John Talford, William Talford, Mathew Thornton, Robert McMurphy, Daniel Rindge And Joshua Talford, and to their respective Heirs and assigns for ever, the other Moiety, thereof according to their Respective Rights and Shares in said alexandria upon the following Terms Conditions, Limitations, and Reservations, that is to Say—That one third part of said land is hereby reserved to the said Grantors, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, Viz^t Lot N^o 74, N^o 40, N^o 128, N^o 38 N^o 49, N^o 122, N^o 24, N^o 94, N^o 119, N^o 121, N^o 70, N^o 95, N^o 58, N^o 10. N^o 50, N^o 36, N^o 55 N^o 67, N^o 136, N^o 126 N^o 3, N^o 84, N^o 125, N^o 17 N^o 42, N^o 29, N^o 61, N^o 90, N^o 18, N^o 37, N^o 83, N^o 102 N^o 120 N^o 43 N^o 92 N^o 118, N^o 4, N^o 106 N^o 19 N^o 14, N^o 71, N^o 7, N^o 15 N^o 39, N^o 46—and two lots in the plan returned of said tract, a third of which said two lots is reserved to said Grantors, and belongs to their said third part of said land, besides the particular lotts before-mentioned, which said reserved third part shall be held by said Grantors, free from all Taxes and charges whatever, that may arise concerning the roads, buildings, Ministry Settlements and other publick affairs

whatever, untill the Grantors lands Shall be improved, and then only the particular lott so improved, shall be liable—

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Attest

Geo : Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[8-2] [*Petition for Incorporation, 1778.*]

To the Hono^l Council and house of Representatives Convened
at Exeter the Secont Wednesday of march Next

The humble Portion of a number of inhabetants of a Tract of land in the State of Newhampshire Known by the name of Alaxandria addition or newlondon Sitivat Between old Alaxander and fishers field and Parrytown: humbly Sheweth that your Portisherners Labour under a Grats Disadvantage Being Joyined to Old Alaxander on the acct of Tax Sation the Distance being Seven or Eight miles threw the Woods where there is no Road, nor Cannot be aney Easley had the Ground Being so Ruff and mountainies, and your Portisherners being Wholy Deprived of anney Privilege of assessing ower Selves as Selectmen Can be Expected in the Sitevation we are in at Present among us Tharefore your Portisherners Prayer is that we may be incorporated into a Town and have the Same Privileges that other Towns in this State have your Portisherners ar willing Cheerefully to Pay ower Equill Porpotion of Taxes with aney other Town in this State Provided we are in Capasety to asses ower Selves and like wise your Portisherners at Present Laboure under Grats Disadvantages Concerning Clearing and Repairing highways among us, as your Portisherner in Duty Bound Doth Ever Pray—

January y^e 22 : 1779—

Samuel Messer
Nathan Goodwin
Noah Kidder
James Lam
Ebn^r Huntting
Benj^a Eastman

Ephraim Gile
Jedidiah Jewett
Israel Huntting
Jacob Hadley
Nathaniel Stevens

[In H. of Rep., March 10, 1779, a hearing was ordered for next session. The town was incorporated June 25, 1779.—Ed.]

[8-3] [*Jonas Minot, relative to Taxes, 1780.*]

To the Hon'ble Counsel and House of Representatives for the state of Newhampshire: In Generall Court Convened att Exeter on Wedensday the Ninth Day of February in the year of our Lord 1780—

the Petetion of Jonas Minot of Concord in the County of Middlesex and State of the Massachusetts who humbly Sheweth, that the State and Contententall Tax, on the Town of Newlondon, in this State, for the year 1779 was £641-13-4, that your Petetioner acording to his Interest in Said Newlondon Should Not Pay one fifth of the above Said Sum owning Not one third of the Land in Said Town of Newlondon which s^d Lays in the State of Nature Except Small Improvements on one Lot that your Petetioner is Assessed toward the above s^d Sum £268-6-2—furthermore that your Petetioner is Assessed to the State and Contentental Tax in the Township of Alexandria in this State for ye year 1779—for his unimproved Lands More than twenty Percent. for the Sume total those Lands we are Aprised at, by the Select Men of S^d Alexandria under their hand in February AD 1778—

your Petetioner. although Taxt Something in the Same manner in boath Said Townships. for the year 1777 and 1778, finding the Expende of a Redress—Grate, and in Expectation, of No Such Agreviance in Future Submitted. & Paid the whole of the Taxes for those two years—your Petetioner being Sensable at that Time that the Assessers for those Townships had assessed for much Larger Sums than they had Precept for—and with an Intent as one of those Assessers him Self Declared to Trim up the Non resident Proprietors—further more the Inhabitents of Said Newlondon having Specialy Bargained and agreed to pay the High way Tax, on your Petetioners Land untill improved for which your Petetioner Paid them in Lands—yet they have Taxt your Petitioner towards the Highways in S^d Town for the year 1779 in the Sum of £125-5-8 your Petitioner in this Situation finding him Self to have Voice in the Proceedings of those Towns & Driven to Dispare of any other Remedy. Prays this Honourable Court would Take his Case into Consideration: and in their wisdom Give order that his Lands in those Townships May Not be Sold for those Taxes untill he is heard in Court on the Premises your Petetioner as In Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

Jonas Minot

[8-4] [*Relative to a Road from Kearsarge Gore to Protectworth, 1784.*]

New London May 31st 1784

To the Honorable, the General Court of New Hampsheir, your
Petitiners the Inhabitants of New London

Humbly Sheweth that we have Receiv^d a Request from the Select men of Protectworth, Requireing of us that we within Eighteen Days from the Date of their Request, do Lay out & Cut & Repair a road from Keirsearge Gore through the North-erly Part of New London to Protectworth, being about four miles, & in Case of our Neglecting to do the Same, do Declare that they Shall Send to the County of Hillsborough, & that they will Send a Committe to Lay out a Road on our Cost, & this Place where they do Require a Road bein Remote from any of the Inhabitants of this town, and the Land Very Broken, the Cost of a Road must be Great, which the Inhabitants of this town are Not able at Present to do without other Assistance, we Being but thirty two Poles of the Inhabitants Paying Pole tax for them Selves, & the Greatest Part of us in Low Circum-stance, their Not being one fourth Part of the Land in this town, owned by the Inhabitants, and also their Not being any Land Left for Road. in the Laying out of this town, adds to our Difficultys—

For which Reasons we your Petitioners Humbly Pray, your Honours, that we may be Impowered to tax the wild Land of the Non Residants, Lying in this town, with ourSelves, for the Purchasing of Land for Roads, that are Nessasary in this town, & also for the Opening and Repairing of the above mentioned Road, Requested by the Select men of Protectworth, which Request if your Honours Shall See Cause to Grant you will favor your Humble Petitioners

Levi Harvey	Nathanael Everitt	Peter Sargent
Eben ^r Huntting	Joseph Ardway	Eben ^r Sargent
John Adams Juner	Sam ^l Brockelbank	Tohomas Whitier
James Brocklebank	John morgan	Anthony Sargent
John Ardway	Ephraim Gile	Samuel messer
Ezekiel Knowlton	John Astens	Benjamin Adams
Penuel Everett	David Astens	John Dole
Eliphalet Gay	Nathan Goodwin	How Messer
Levi Everett	Abner Whittier	

[8-5] [*Vote for Paper Money.*]

to the General Cort of the State of New Hampshire Holden at
Exeter on the first wensday of this instent

I would begg Leave to in forme your Honours that the inhabitants of New London have voted to have paper money made at a metting held on the 31st of Augst Last that was Notified for that purpos—
witness my hand—

Levi Harvey town Clark

New London Sept 2^d 1786

[8-6] [*Petition for Civil Magistrate, 1787.*]

State of Newhampshier Hillsbourough. ss

To His Exelency the President and Council met at Concord the
first wenday of June Next: 1787 Convean^d

Humbly Shueth that ware has we are Disteute of a Justice of the Peace in this Place begs Leave to ask the favor that you wod in your wisdom and Prudence Comishon Lieu^t Levi Harvey in that office So that the good order of Peace may be keep up and the athority of this State be not Abrogaded, for which we your Humble Petitionors are in Duty Ever bound to pray for

Newlondon Aprill 13th 1787

Eben ^r Shepard	John Adams	James Brocklebank
Levi Everett	Jonathan Everitt	Peter Sargent
Israel Slack	Jonathan Adams	Sam ^l Brockelbank
Penuel Everett	Benjamin Adams	Nathan Goodwin
David Smith	Solomon Adams	Jedidiah Jewett
Eliphalet Gay	John Adams juner	Abner Whittier
Ezekiel Knowlton	Thomas Burpe	Anthony Sargent
Nathanael Everitt	Asa Burpe	John morgan
Jonathan Herrick	John Dole	Ephraim Gile
Joseph Colby	James How Messer	Sam ^l Brockelbank
William Hutchins	Samuel Messer	Jun ^r

[8-7] [*Petition for authority to tax Non-Residents, 1790.*]

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the
State of New hampshire at Concord in Said State in General
Court Conyened

we your petitioners inhabitants of the town of New London in Said State hereby beggs leave to acquaint your honours that the taxes in this town are Verey heavy—and perticulery to the Roads their being three main roads throw this town from the Country above us which Contains Sixteen miles Exclusive of our Cross roads where their is a Considerable of traveling—the roads being So bad that it is Dangerous for teams to pass we are Commanded by the publick to make them pasable forth with which we are not able to Do at present we would also begg Leave to inform your Honours that three quarters of the Land in this town is owned by Nonresident which pays no taxes to the Roads we your humble petitioners pray that your Honours would remove or at Least helpe our Dificulties by Empowering us to Lay a tax on the Lands of Nonresidents in this town of One penny per acre yearly During the terme of three years to repair the roads in S^d town which if it Shall be Consistant with your honours to do your humble pertitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

New London June 9th 1790

Sam ^l Brockelbank	Asa Burpe	Thomas Burpee
John morgan	Nathaniel S messer	John Brocklebank
Ephraim Gile	John Adams juner	Eben ^r Huntting
James Lamb	James Brocklebank	Zebedee Hayse
Nathan Goodwin	Jonathan Everet	Joseph Colby
Jedidiah Jewett	John Adams	Solomen Admans
Thomas Currier	Jonathan Adams	Rob ^t Knowlton
Ebenezer Sargent	Benjamin Adams	Eliphalet Gay
iuner	Thomas Burpe: J ^r	Penuel Everett
Jonathan Herrick	Peter Sargent	John Lyon
Josiah Davis	Peter Sargent Juner	Israel Huntting
Anthony Sargent	Amasa Sargent	Sam ^{ll} How Messer
John Morgan Jun ^r	Thomas Pick	John Slack
Eben ^r Sargent	John Dole	

[Authority was granted to tax non-resident lands for the purpose of repairing highways.—ED.]

[8-8] [*Vote relative to annexing a part of Kearsarge Gore, 1792.*]

Newlondon Sept 3rd 1792

this may Sertify that at A town meeting held this Day in Said town by A Request of A Nombor of inhabetance of Kearsarge Gore and persenting the Substance of A petition and the

order of the general Coart there on, to have part of the Said Kearsarge Goar incorporated with Newlondon, there fore Voted to Receve Seven Lots of the westerly Corner of Said Goar to Newlondon, witnes my hand—

Levi Harvey town Clerk for
Newlondon

[By an act passed June 19, 1793, a portion of Kearsarge Gore was annexed to this town.—ED.]

[8-9]. [*Relative to place of holding Proprietors' Meetings, 1795.*]

To the Honourable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Court convened at Concord.

we your petitioners Select Men of New-London in said State ; for and in behalf of said Town Humbly shueth that the inhabitants of said Town do Labour under many and great disadvantages by reason of the extent of the proprietors Law so called. in as much as it impowers the Proprietors of Land to hold their meetings any where they please, whereby the inhabitation of this Town have suffered much of late ; by reason of A proprietors meeting ; the same being held sixty Miles distant from this Town, and at such a season of the year which rendered it extremely difficult for the inhabitation to attend, which practice is verry detremental to the inhabitation of New-Towns.

Therefore we your Petitioners humbly pray your honors, will take our case under your wise consideration and grant us some relief by altering or amending said Law so far as to direct s^d proprietors to hold their meetings in futer, in such Towns. where sd proprietors Lands lye :

or grant such relief as you in your wisdom shall think fit as your Petitioners in duty bound shall ever pray.

New-London December 14th 1795

Levi Everett	} Select-
Peter Sargent	
Rob ^t Knowlton	
	men

[The petitioners were granted leave to withdraw.—ED.]

[8-10] [*Petition relative to Proprietary Affairs, 1796.*]

New London May 27th 1796

To the Honorable Senate and house of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Court to be convened at Exeter on wednesday the first day of June next

humble Sheweth that whereas the Selectmen of the Town of New London exhibited a petition to the General Court of Said State last Session Setting forth their grievances whereby they have Suffered much of late by the operation of a perticular law called the proprior's act or law which grants the proprior's liberty to whold meetings in any part of Said State—We your Humble petitioners renewedly request that the Prayer of Said petition may be granted or that part of Said law may be repealed whereby the Said Proprietors are impowered to tax all and Every lot of Land in the respective towns in Said state to defray proprietors accompts and charges or grant your petitioners relief in some other way as you in your wisdom shall think proper. And we in duty bound shall ever pray

Levi Harvey } Select
Levi Everett } Men

Anthony Sargent	Jeremiah Pingre	Ebenz ^r Sargent
Tho ^a Pike	Amasa Sargent	Jonathan Herrick
W ^m Clay	John Sargent	Eben ^r Hunting
Sam ^{ll} Brocklebank	Robert Knoulton	Zebedy Hayse
Sam ^{ll} Messer	Eben ^r Sargent	Moses Adams
Jo ^a Messer	John Emery	John Adams
Peter Sargent	John Morgan	Solomon Adams
Jonathan Everett	Jedediah Juet	Jonathan Adams
Peter Sargent J ^r	Thomas Currier	James Brocklebank
Eliphalet Gay	Nathan Goodwin	John Dole
William Gay	Zaccheus Messer	James Coleby
Joseph Colby	Calven Burpe	Caleb Seager
John Slack	thomas Burpe	Sam ^{ll} Morgan
Benj ^a Woodbery	Aase Burpe	Jonathan Harvey
Josiah Brown	Nathaniel meser	Jo ^a Harvey

NEW MARKET.

The territory now contained in this town and in South New Market was severed from Exeter, December 15, 1727,

and incorporated as a parish by the name of "New-Market."

By this act of incorporation, Edward Hall, Andrew Glidden, and William Perkins, Jr., were appointed selectmen to act until others were elected.

An additional act, granting full town privileges, including representation in the general assembly, was passed August 26, 1737.

By an act passed December 28, 1805, the boundary line of the town was extended to the "Ship's channel in the centre" of Exeter river, except where the bridge was. At that place it was to extend to the draw. This act was repealed June 17, 1807.

The north line of the town was established by an act passed June 19, 1818. (See Vol. XII, page 390.)

June 27, 1849, the town was divided by a line running nearly east and west, and the southerly portion incorporated into a town named "South New Market."

December 17, 1852, the farm of Wm. Lyford was severed from South New Market, and annexed to New Market.

July 2, 1870, some territory was severed from Durham, and annexed to this town.

[8-12]

[*Case of Assault, 1731.*]

Pro: of N Hamp

To any or Either of His Majestys Justices of The Peace for
the Said Province

Edward Hilton of the Parish of New-Market, in The Town of Exeter, in the Province of New-Hampshire aforesaid yeoman Complaineth (In His Majty's behalf)

That he the Said Edw^d Hilton, being in the Peace of our Sovereign Lord y^e King, and about his lawful occasions, at New-Market aforesaid, on monday the twenty eighth day of the last month, was Put in Great fear (even of his life) by the threatening, Speeches, and actual attempts made against him with force & arms, by a negro man (of the Parish Town & Province afores^d) Called Sambo, who was formerly a Servant to Andrew Glidden dece^d, & belongs now to the Widdow of Said Glidden, or her son in law Joseph Smith of Said New Market husbandman; The Said Sambo at the time and in The

Parish aforesaid, holding an ax in his hands of y^e value of 12/
Struck at the Complenant a ful blow with the Said ax, and proph-
phanly Swore, that he the Said Sambo would split out the
brains of the Complaintant, and bury him in the Swamp: and
other Enormitys the Said Sambo then & there did, contrary to
the Peace of our Sovereign Lord the King his Crown and dig-
nity and to the law or laws, in Such cases made and Provided.
and pleadable in this Province. Wherefore the Said Edw^d Hil-
ton Prays Process against the Said Sambo, and that the Said
Sambo may be dealt with as to law and Justice doth appertain—
In Witness whereof the Said Edw^d Hilton hath hereunto set his
hand the first day of January 1730/31.—

Edward Hilton

Pro: N. Hamp^r Jan^{ry} 5th 1730th Edw^d Hilton made oath to
the truth of y^e foregoing Complaint

It is Considered that for prophane Swearing the S^d Sambo:
pay a fine of ten Shillings according to law, & that for his
threatening & Attempts agst Edw^d Hilton He procure 2 Suretis
to recognise in y^e Sum of 10£ to be of good behaviour til y^e
next q^r Sessions of y^e peace and pay Costs of Court & Stand
committed til Sentence perform'd Mem^o Jos: Smith y^e Master
of The S^d Sambo Paid y^e fine of 10 / w^{ch} I sent by Edw^d Hilton
to y^e select men of N Market for their Poor he likewise paid
Costs taxed at 48/3^d and he and Jos: Glidden recognised ac-
cording to order in order to be certified to y^e Court of Gen^{ll}
Quart^r Sessions of the peace next to be holden at Exeter.

R W J^t P^a

This was done at a Court held before R W Esq^r Just Peace
on tuesday y^e 5th of Jan 1730/1 at y^e House of mr Henry Sher-
burn Taverner in Portsm^o—

[*Warrant for the arrest of Sambo.*]

Pro: of N— Hamp^r



To the Sheriff of the Said Province of New-
Hamp^r His Under Sheriff or Deputy or To
Either of the Constables of Exeter Greet-
ing—

You or Either of you are hereby required in His Majestys
name forthwith on receipt hereof to apprehend the body of a

certain negro man call'd Sambo belonging to y^e Parish of New-market in the Town of Exeter in the Province aforesaid who was formerly a servant to And^w Glidden, dec^d and belongs now to the widow of the S^d Glidden or her son in law Joseph Smith of the Parish Town and Province aforesaid husbandman if the Said Sambo may be found within your Precincts, and him bring before me or some other of His Majestys Justices of the Peace within the s^d Province to Answer to the Complaint of Edw^d Hilton of the Parish of New-Market in the Town of Exeter in the Province of New Hamp^r aforesaid yeoman, (which Complaint under the hand of the Said Edward Hilton, is hereunto annex'd) and to be dealt with (on the S^d Complaint) as to law and Justice doth appertain. hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with yo^r doings thereon, for which this Shall be yo^r Sufficient authority. Given under my hand and Seal at Portsm^e the first day of January 1730/31. annoq Rⁿⁱ R^{is} Georgii secundi quarto—

Rich^d Waldron Just: Peace

You are alike required to Summon John M^cmath of New Market aforesaid mariner, and Joseph Smart of Dover wthin the Province afores^d husbandman to be present as Witnesses at the Tryal of the said Sambo and hereof they may not fail on the pain & penaltys that may fall thereon Jan: 1: 1730/31

R Waldron J^t Pac

Janurey 5th 1730/31 Pursuant to the within warrant I have taken the body of s^d Sambo

per me Peter Grely und^r Shereff

[8-13] [*Petition relative to an Election, 1745.*]

To the Hon^{ble} the House of Representatives for the Province of New Hampshire met in General Assembly the 5th Day of June 1745

The Humble Petition of Sundry of the Freeholders of the Parish of New Market in Said Province Shews—

That y^e Freeholders of the said Parish being Intitled to the Privilege of Sending a Representative to the General Assembly met on the 3rd Instant (Pursuant to a precept Issued according to Custom) in order to make Choice of a Suitable Person for that purpose—

That upon Counting the Votes it appeared they Exceeded the Number of Voters present which Render'd it Probable there

was some unfair practice in the proceedings, & made it Doubtful whether the Person Said to be Elected, was Really so, upon which Seven at Least of the said Freeholders Desired the Matter might be Decided by the Poll (as the Law in Such Cases provides) which the Moderator (Joseph Hall Esq^r) utterly Refused & Denied & thereupon Dissolved the Meeting taking the matter in Doubt to be as he Declared it without giving the Dissatisfied Persons the least Satisfaction—

That your Petition^{rs} Conceive the Freedom of Elections, is the foundation of the Rights of the People, & a fundamental Principle in the form of Government they are under, on which freedom every Instance of Partiality is an Infringement, & the very Suggestion thereof ought to awaken a Judicature subsisting only by that freedom, to Examine whether Such Suggestions are true or false—Wherefore your Petitioners pray that this Hon^{ble} House will take Cognizance of the premises Examine & Determine as the truth of the facts & the Merits of the Cause Requires & in order thereto to Order the usual & necessary process with all Convenient Speed—and your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c—

Israel Gilman
Robert Barber
Nathaniel peas
Edwrd
Ezekiel Sanborn
Joseph Sinclair

Nathaniel Piper
Jonathan Bachelder
Robart Pike
Richard Clark
Joseph Gilmon

[The man elected was Thomas Young. The election was declared illegal by the H. of Rep., June 12, 1745, a new precept issued, and Capt. Israel Gilman chosen and sworn in.—ED.]

[7-18] [*Petition for a Ferry over Exeter River, 1750.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq^r Governor and Commander in chife in and over his Majestys Province of Newhampshire—and to the Honorable Councill for Said Province—

The Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants of Newmarket in Said provinc and others most humbly Sheweth—That there is a Country Road Laid out by the general Court Several Years Ago from Nottingham to Exeter River in the upper part of Newmarkett and there is no Established ferry over Exeter River in the upper part of Newmarkett that if there was it would be

of great Service and benefit for Travellers That Travell to and from Nottingham Ipsum Bow and Pennecook and other places to Portsmouth Wherefore Your petitioners most humbly Pray Your Excellency and Honours to Establish a ferry over said River near the Late house of Nathan Presberry at the new field so called in the upper end of Newmarkett aforesaid and that he Joseph Hall Esq^r may have the benefit of said ferry and Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever Pray &c

Sep^{br} 24th 1750

James Marston	Edward Hall	Ebeneser Bean
David Lyford	Edwrd	Jacob tilton
John Perl	Chrls Hilton	Andru Burly
James Kinson	James Sinkler	Joseph metcalf
Fitz W ^m Sargent	Danil Lad	Joseph —
John Mattoon	Jonathan folsom	Rich ^d Mattoon
Winthrop Hilton	Isaac marston	Samuel nel
Samuel mighell	John Wedgwood	peer harsee
Joseph merrill	Hubartes Mattoon	Israel Gilman
Richard Clark	Robert Pike	Edward Colcord

[8-16]

[*Remonstrance to foregoing.*]

Province of New Hamp^r

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq^r Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New-Hampshire and To the Honorable his majesty Councill for said Province—

Humbly shews Andrew Wiggin Jun^r of Stratham in s^d Province That he is informed that Joseph Hall of Newmarket in s^d Province Esq^r (with others) hath Petition'd your Excellency and Honours that there may be a Ferry over Exeter River so called at some Distance above the Ferry over said River at a place call'd Hiltons Ferry And that it will affect your Petitioners Interest very much in Case the Prayer of the said Joseph Hall and others should be granted—

Wherefore your Petitioner Most humbly prays your Excellency and Honours that the Pray of the said Petition of Joseph Hall Esq^r and others may not be granted untill your Petitioner can be heard in opposition thereto which your Petitioner prays may be granted him—and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Andrew Wiggin Jun^r.

Desc^r 25th 1750

[8-17] [*Relative to New Market Bridge, 1755.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq^r Governor And Commander in Cheif in & over his Maj^{ties} Province of New Hampshire The Hon^{ble} His Maj^{ties} Councill & House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened Nov^r 25th 1755—

The Petition of Sundry of his Majestys Subjects Inhabitants within the Province of New Hampshire Most Humbly Shews— That in the year 1747 There was an Act Passed by the Legislature of this Province for Erecting And Maintaining a Bridge over the River at New-Market Near the ferry Place there In Consideration of a Petition of Sundry Persons Inhabitants within this Province. It being thought at that time that that Place was very Suitable & Convenient for a Bridge to be Built there—

That a Bridge is not yet Built there nor Ever Begun tho More then Eighth years are Elapsed—Since the Passing the Said act, That your Petitioners Humbly Conceive that If a Bridge was Built over the river from Stratham to a Place Called the Newfields in New market It would be of Much Greater Benefit & Advantage to the Publick than one Built at the ferry Place aforesaid—

That a Bridge May be much Cheaper & More Easily Built and Maintained at the New ffields then at the ferry Place the Current Not being So Strong at the Newfields as at the ferry Place the Water Being Almost twice as Deep at Lowwater at the Ferry Place as at the Newfields the Bottom of the river at the New ffields Being much more Even that the Rafts Brought from Exeter Generally Get But Little further then the Newfields the first tide So that a Bridge there will be no Hindrance to rafts Passing Down the river that it is a much more Direct Way into the Country than where the other Bridge was Proposed to be Built—That your Petitioners See no Prospect at Present of a Bridge Being Built at the other Place—That your Petitioners are Willing to Build And will Immediately go about Building a Bridge over the river at y^e New feilds aforesaid If they may have Liberty So, to Do, By Act—

Wherefore Your Petitioners Most Humbly Prays your Excellency & Honours that they may Have Liberty to Build Such a Bridge over that river att the Newfeilds aforesaid as Your Excellency & Honours shall Judge Most Suitable and Convenient And your Petitionrs as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

Ebenez^r Johnson
Benj^a Nudd
Josiah Clark
Sam^l Clark

Andrew French
Bradstreet French
W^m French
Andrew French jun^r

Jacob Tilton
Sam^l Tilton
Winthrop Hilton
John Dow

William Clark	Jude Allen	W ^m Crocket
William Wallace	Samuel Wiggin ju ^r	John Elkins
William Wallace Ju ^r	Richard Young	Daniel Elkins
Jonath ^a Weeks	Tho ^s Wiggin	Jacob Ames
John Weeks ju ^r	Henrey Wiggin	John Bergin
Andrew Wiggan y ^e	Sam ^l Allen	John Clark
3 ^d	Sam ^l Wiggin	Sam ^l Clark
Samuel Haines jun ^r	Benj ^a Juett jun ^r	John Hoag
Samuel Bathelder	Sam ^l Pipper	John Stockbridge
W ^m Haines jun ^r	Joshua Hill	Alin thurstin
W ^m Haines	Daniel Mason	Sam ^l Boyinton
Ebenez ^r Johnson	W ^m Pottle	Samuel Doe ju ^r
Henry Clark	W ^m Pottle jun ^r	Benj ^a Doe
Abraham Johnson	John Hill jun ^r	John Dudley
Joshua Kennison	Rich ^d Rust	Joseph Goodhue
Edw ^d Derbarn	Benj ^a Cotton	Benj ^a Smith
Benj ^a Marston	Simon Wiggin	Jon ^a Thomas
Reuben Gove Dear-	Jo ^s Hall	John Clark
born	Benj ^a Johnson	John Marden
Joseph Wiggin	Joseph Smith	Edward Scott
Jon ^a Wiggin	Theoder Hilton	Stephen Clark
Will ^m French jun ^r	Joseph Metcalf	W ^m Moore
John Avery	Nath ^l Ames	John Lyford
Simon Wiggin & will Give the Way Free & Clear through my Land—		
John Simston	Nath ^l Sinclear	John Hill
John Naeley	James Merrel	John Molloon
James Whidden	Richard Palmer	Daniel Molloon
Joseph Young	Joseph Palmer	Robert Briant
Step ⁿ Thurston	John Levet	Nathan Jonson
George Veasey	W ^m Moore jun ^r	Benj ^a Mackris
John ———	Tho ^s Veasey	Ebenez Cate
Samuel Gillman	Samuel Levet	Tobias Sanbourn
Samuel Chapman	Samuel Cate	John Haines
Caleb Philbrick	Jon ^a Robinson	Mathias Haines
Samuel Elkins	Daniel Allen	Thomas Johnson
Samuel Gilman	Joshua Weeks ju ^r	Ebenez ^r Mulon
Tho ^s Harvey	John Hoag ju ^r	James Johnson
Thomas Burley	Ezra Barker	Abner Haines
Abner Hoag	Nath ^l Pipper	John Weeks
Elisha Samborn	Samuel Avery	Josiah Clark jun ^r
John Samborn	Samuel Veasey	John Blaso
Joseph Burley	Samuel Jannes	Josiah floss
Isaac Marston	Jeremi Lock	Abraham Durburn
Peter ffoulsom	Ebenezer Wallace	Tho ^s Berrey
Nehemiah M ^{ce} Neile	Samuel Phillbrick	Richard Jennis
Samuel Neal	Jon ^a Levett	Francis Jennis

Rob^t Pike
 Stepⁿ Gilman
 Israel Gilman
 Tho^s Pippier
 Edward Sinclair
 Moses Coffin
 Simon Pottle
 Edward Peavey
 John Hanes
 Jonath^a Robinson
 John Bean
 Nath^l Robinson
 Benj^a Pippier
 Josiah Sanborn
 Tho^s Veasy
 Sam^l Marble
 Abraham Tilton
 Joshua Rawlings
 Solomon Smith
 John Smith
 David Stevns
 Jacob Low
 Eph^a Green
 Tho^s Odel
 George Vesey
 John Robinson
 Joseph Robinson
 Satchel Clark
 John Rundlet
 John Veazey
 John Frost
 Cyprian Jeffry
 Jon^a Longfellow
 Timothy Jones
 John Huggins
 Jonath^a Jewett
 Thomas Breyer
 John Hillton
 Benj^a Hoag
 Nathan Hoag
 william Calley
 william Ashley
 Jonathan Clark
 Benj^a Mason
 Jon^a Chase
 Benj^a Norris
 Joseph Hoag

Ephr Levett
 Joshua Neal
 Sam^l Stevens ✓ his
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 Nath^l Levett
 Samuel Lane
 Joseph Mason jun^r
 Samuel Peavey
 John Barker
 John Rawlins
 John Weeks
 Daniel Maston
 Benj^a Potter
 John Godfery
 Joseph Derburn
 Semeon Derburn
 Tho^s Maston
 John Phillbrick
 Willom Moltn
 Abraham Drake
 Joshua Brown
 Tho^s Nudd
 Henry Moultn
 Daniel Dow
 Tho^s Moulton
 Elisha Thomas
 Benj^a Philbrick
 Benj^a maston
 Job Chapman
 John Levet
 David Maston
 Joseph Moultn
 Benj^a Hobbs
 Cap^t Abner flogg
 Jon^a Hobbs
 Zackriah Batchelar
 John Marston
 David Noles
 John Sheppard
 Jon^a Wedgwood
 morris Hobbs
 John Hobbs
 John Bennet
 John Tayler
 Stephen Batchelor
 Jeremiah Durburn
 Ebenezer Barker

Richard Jennis y^e 3^d
 Benj^a Schell
 Samuel Leavett
 Henry Dow
 Joseph Brown
 Francis Lock
 Lewis Haines
 William Johnson
 Sam^l Johnson jun^r
 Daniel Lunt
 Joseph Haines
 Joseph Clark
 Josiah Allen
 Walter Weeks
 Walter Weeks jun^r
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 Nath^l Maston
 Abiathar Sanburn
 Benj^a Williams
 Nathan Murdoo
 Enock Clark
 Jonathan Marston
 John Neal
 Robert Tufton Phil-
 brick
 W^m Berrey jun^r
 James Berry
 Francis Berry
 Jo^s + Grant his
 mark
 Rich^d Rand
 Jeremi Berry
 Samuel Willes
 Nath^l Jennis
 Rich^d Jennis jun^r
 Joseph Jennis
 James Perkins
 Job Jennis
 Benj^a Lampre jun^r
 Amos Rann
 Joseph Fuller
 W^m Palmer
 Josiah Webster
 John Fuller
 Jon^a Towl
 Dan^l Moulton

Benj ^a Norris jun ^r	John Jonson	Jon ^a Towl ju ^r
Benj ^a Norton	Lenord Weeks	Sam ⁿ Jennis
Nathan Maston	Sam ⁿ + Davis his	Henry Elkins
John Damm	mark	W ^m Rendal
Edward Hall	Benj ^a + Davis his	Joseph Marston
W ^m Norton	mark	
Jon ^a Norris		

[For other documents relating to the said bridge, see Vol. IX.—ED.]

[R. 3-49] [Petition of Edward Fox of New Market, stating that he "was a listed soldier in the service of this Province In y^e year 1756, under the Command of Cap^t Abr^a Perry & y^t by some mistake he was made up I his roll for one Month & Ten days short of the time he was in said service" He was allowed £6, 2, 6.—ED.]

[R. 3-50] [Deposition of Chase Wiggin of New Market, who states that he was at Fort Edward under Col. Meserve, in 1756, and came home with Benjamin York; and that said York was wounded at Chester, on the way home, by the bursting of his gun.—ED.]

[R. 3-51] [Petition of Chase Wiggin, dated 1761, who states "That on his Returning Home from the army where he was employed all the sumer past in the province service was take sick of the small pox on or about the third day of December last." He presented a bill for expenses of sickness amounting to £198, 10, 0, old tenor, and was allowed £7, 18, 9½ sterling.—ED.]

[R. 3-52] [Petition of Josiah Wiggin of New Market, who stated that he was a soldier in Capt. George March's Co., Col. Goff's Reg't, in 1760; came home and had the small-pox, and wanted the province to pay the bill, which amounted to £188 old tenor. He was allowed £7, 10, 5, sterling.—ED.]

[R. 3-55] [*Account for Supplies furnished a Soldier, 1779.*]

1779.—Dr. Account of Supplies to John Barter, for the Acc^t of the Town of Newmarket.

[The account was for various articles furnished by Joseph Young, Joshua Bracket, David Chapman, Walter Bryant, Jr., and Ichabod Bracket, and amounted to £166, 7, 0.—ED.]

[R. 3-56] [*Petition of Jonathan Mason, Soldier, 1780.*]

[In a petition dated March 10, 1780, Jonathan Mason of New Market stated "That your Petitioner enlisted as a Soldier in the third Battalion of Troops of this State the 12th Day of February 1777 and Served in the army untill the Retreat from Ticonderoga at which time your Petitioner had the misfortune of being taken Prisoner by the Enemy from whom he soon after made his escape."—ED.]

[8-23] [*Relative to Assistance to Soldiers' Families.*]

Newmarket 6th June 1775—

To the Hon^{bl} Provincial Congress at Exeter—Gent.

Whereas many Inhabitants of this Town are inlisted in the Provincial Service, whose Family whilst they are absent will stand in a great need of Support—and as it might be very Convenient if the Committee of Safety of this Town, could assist such Familys with Provisions or other Necessaries of Life in such Manner as that the same might be allowed The Town or any Private Person that inclined to advance for that Purpose ; in any Future Proportion of Charges that may be made to Pay of s^d Soldiers—

Wherefore We Pray the Advice of this Hon^{bl} Convention—And that your Hon^{rs} would direct accordingly—

In Committee of Safety at Newmarket 6th June 1775

Voted that the foregoing Petition be presented to the Congress by M^r Parsons—

Tho^s Tash Chairman.

[8-20]

[This document is a "Plan of Land in Controversy 1764,"

“between the Select men & Ames.” It purports to have been drawn by Wentworth Cheswill.—ED.]

[8-22] [*Request for Permit to send some Stock out of the Province, 1775.*]

To the Honorable Congress of the Colony of New Hampshire
the Humble Petition of Jonathan Colcord Jn^r

Shueth that your petitioner has two four old Stears and two Haffers and Eight Sheep he Wants to Send to pasemoquade to Winter, Where he has hay to Winter them out Wherefore your petitioner prays your Honours Will Cleare out Said Cattel and Sheep to be Carreyd in a Schoner belonging to m^r Joseph Clark & walles. So that they may not be taken and Stop^d by any of our Crusers, and your pettoner as in Dutey bound Will Ever pray—

Jona Colcord

Newmarket Dec^r 27th 1775—

[8-24] [*Petition relative to the Fourth Regiment of Militia.*]

To the honourable Provincial Congress of the Colony of New Hampshire.

The Subscribers Inhabitants of that part of the Colony aforesaid which compose the fourth Regiment of Militia therein, beg leave to lay this petition before your honours respecting the Appointment of Cap^t Jeremiah Folsom to the Office of lieut Colonel in said Regiment & tho some of us may not be so immediately affected by such Appointment as others particularly the Inhabitants of Newmarket yet as we are all more or less interested in the Arrangement of the Regiment we beg leave earnestly to pray your honours to hear the prayer of this & other Petitions, now before your honours to reconsider the Vote of said Folsoms Appointment & let us have a Lieut Colonel more suitable as well as more agreeable and tho the sole Privilege of such nomination & appointment is vested in your honours yet we have such Confidence in your honours Candour Goodness & tenderness for the People as leaves us no room to doubt but your honours will consider our Condition & grant our request which we beg leave humbly & earnestly to entreat & withal begging your honours to bear in mind that tho your honours may have greater knowledge of men & things

& consequently may be better Judges than your Petitioners of the propriety of any such appointment in general yet we beg leave to say in this particular case that no body knows so well where the shoe pinches as they that ware it—The People this way are rightly informed of the said Folsom, we fear your honours were not which occasions our adding this to we hope the already sufficient Number of Petitions already before your honours that if we cant be happy in the man we esteem we may not be unhappy in the man we do not admire

Simon Marston	Sanborn Cram	Josiah Clark
James Page	John morgean	Josiah Clark Jun ^r
Daniel Page	Benjamin Carr	John cram
Benjamin Page	Edw webster	Abraham Page
Joseph Ham	Timothy Jones	Gideon Ham
Jeremiah Easman	John Jones	John Tirell
William Tirrell	Joseph Jones	William Rand
Tho ^a Rand	David Jones	Ephraim Cram
Benjamin Kindrick	Benjamin Weeks	John Simpson
david Kindrick	Samuel Prescut	Moses Chase
Josiah Prescott	Jedediah Prescot Ju	Sam ^l Leavitt Esq ^r
Robord Kelle	John Prescot	Josiah Chase
Clement Jackson	Samuel McCluer	Henry Tucker
Jur	Jonathan mccluer	John Eastman
Tristam Cram	Jonathan Judkins	Richard Jenness
Enoch Robie	Abraham Prescottt	David Robinson
william Simpson	Jacob Doe	Nathan Philbrick
Moro ^{his} X ^{mark} Parsons	Adonijah Fellows	Joses Philbrick
Nath ^l Rolins	Thomas Robie	Ezekiel Gilman
John Pearson	Levi Dame	Joseph Smith
Joseph Currier	Asa marston	william mores
Ithiel Smith	Cutten Cilley	Beniamen Bean
moses Barnard	william morrill	Stephen Prescottt
Josiah Prescut	Alexander Lucy	Tho ^a Jenness
David Batchelder	John Wills	John Severince
	moses Daves	

Another petition contains the following :

James Hill	Robart Barber Ju	Jacob Burley
Hubartus Neal	Eliphelet Pease	Nicholas Doe Juner
Richard Clark	Jonathan Sanbon	Joseph meloon
Chas Wiggin	John Wedgwod	Robert Pike
Edward Hilton	Josiah Burley	John Burleigh
moses Egerley	william Burley	David Wiggin
Nathan ^{el} Lord	willam higgins	Benj ^a Mead
Zebulon Davis	Benjamin Stevens	Josiah Hilton

Sam ^l Baker	John Bennet	David Folsom
Charles Smart inur	Cotton Bennet	W ^m Coffin
Anthony Pickrein	Joshua Brackett	John Mason
Bening Brackett	Nicholas Hartford	Enoch Remick
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Jur	thos Churchell	David Chapman
levy pickren	John tilton	John Cooke
John Perkins	Sam ^l Chapman	Jonathan Doe
Winthrop Smith	Aron kenson	Moses Burley
Peter Drown	James Burley	John Bennett Jun
Stilmon Tarlton	Johnthen wiggen	Caleb Clark
John Marston	John Tash	John Ames
Jacob Pearson	Job Saveg	Andrew Burley
Daniel Cromell	Reuben Doe	Nat Gilman
Nat ames	Thomas Bennet	Jos Adams
Edward Colcord	John Colcord	David Smart
Samuel Dyer	Robert Jackson	William folsom
Samuel Neal	Joseph Folsom	Nat ames Ju
Brad ^s Gilman	Walter Shute	

Another dated Sept. 15, 1775, contained the following :

Benj Johnson	Mason Rendel	Joshua Drew
John Johnson	David Davis	Aldad Langley
Increas Batchelder	Robert Davis	Joseph Langley
John Batchelder	Sawyer Chesle	John follet
Jonathan Clark	Jacob Davis	John Giles
John Smith	Abraham knight	John Kenson
William Prescott	Samuel Gray	Andrew Chesle
Volentine Kinnison	James Hall	Charles Wille
thomas georg	Joseph Joslon	John Brown
Jonathan folsom	Samuel Bresey	John Brown Ju
Zabulon norris	Joseph Jackson	Daniel Young
Daniel Hil	Stoten Tuttle	Jacob Burnum
James Godfree	Moses Davis	Joshua Furbur
Daves Batchelder	Samuel Burnam	Samuel Dam

Several other petitions contain the following :

Robert Hill	Jonathan knowlton	John Harvey
Ham lebey	Paul gerrish	Robert Avens
William Blake	John mead	Will ^m clark
Asahel Blake	Josiah Burnham	John watson
Sherbun Blake	Samuel Gilman 3 ^d	James watson
Reuben Morgin	Joseph Sandborn	franes kinsten
Henry Sanborn	Jacob Burley	John chesle
Samuel Sherborn	william folsom ir	John Lane

Benj ^a Hill	Robert Goodwin	John gile
Samuel Johnson	John Doe	Benjamin fox
Thomas Piper	andrew Fulsan	Philip Bartlet
William Wallace	Elisha Thomas	Joshua Hoit
Simon Wadley	Frances Durgain	Growth Palmer
Sherbon Derbon	Brad st Doe	Nathanael Goodhue
Nathaniel Derbon	Moses davis	Andrew Nelley
Joseph Garman	Volintine Hill	Nehemiah Bartlet
John Foss	Israel Randel	Joseph Robinson
William Simson	James kelse	Levi Robinson
Joseph gilman	Moses Godfree	John Nelley
Samuel ward	abraham Batchelder	Thomas Odel
William Burley Junr	William Nelley	John Welch
Edward folsom	Samuel Daniels	Winthrop Langley
Daniel wilson	Tho ^s m ^c Connells	Abner Clough
Samuel Burleigh	John Bickford	Edward Bean
Thomas Rowlings	Solomon Bickford	Josiah Watson
Lewis Kinnison	Nathanel Randel	Zeph ^a Butler
Dudely Smart	John m ^c Crilles	Patten Simpsion
Elias Philbrick	Abednego Leathers	Samuel winslow
thomas knolton	Jr	Jonathan Huckins
John Durgin	Hezekiah Randel	Jonathan Willey

[8-28] [*Relative to Militia Affairs, 1775.*]

To the Hon^{ble} Provincial Congress of the Colony of New Hampshire—

The Petition of Samuel Baker, James Hill and Wentworth Cheswill in behalf of the Town of Newmarkett Humbly Shews—That when all America are Asserting and your Honours are specially delegated to maintain amoung other Things; the Rights of a free Representation, of Representatives being liable to & bound by the Instructions of their Constituents: and of Petitioning for Redress of Grievances—We doubt not your Hon^{rs} will vouchsafe to hear this Petition, respecting Infringements on some of those Rights, by a Member of your Body—The Exercise of arbitrary Power over Places of Honour & Profit has once we have seen overballanced free Representation and helped to Reduce this Nation to a Civil War; may not therefore appointments to such Trusts, solicited or Accepted by Delegates in Violation of the Instructions of their Constituents, be justly esteemed Things of a bad and dangerous Tendency especially when such Honours fall upon Persons either of small Accomplishments or Low Merits—We therefore humbly Pray

your Honours to Eye the Hand of Freedom in our present case and preserve even in small Things the Priviledges & Immunities of Each Individual—The Town of Newmarket being the Second in the Regiment have usually had the second Field Officer appointed there: They still humbly pray for a Continuance of the Same Favour; and they did specially order and Instruct their Delegates to represent to your Honours the Desire of the Town That Major Thomas Tash might be appointed a Field Officer here, and themselves to use their Influence and Vote for said Tash accordingly—tho' not with any the most distant View of an exclusive Right to dictate to your Honours in the Matter, but only on a Confidence founded on Evidence of his Courage and good Conduct manifested the last War, and his firm and generous Exeritons in Defence of the Common Cause from its earliest rise: and from the Advantages they have from their Situation to gain the Knowledge of the Person in this Town most worthy of such an Office above that of many of your Honours to whom the Inhabitants of this Town are Strangers—And it cannot but justly alarm us that Cap^t Jeremiah Folsom one of our s^d Delagates should, repugnant to such Instructions not only neglect to inform your Honours of his s^d Instructions or even regard them himself, but Presumptuously (to use his own Words) “crawl into the Gap” The very Place which he by the Ties of his Word & Honour was obliged to endeavour to procure for another—This Conduct (had his Accomplishments as an Officer been equal to those of Major Tash or even greater) would we conceive have Apolligized for this Petition—it was this amoung other Reasons that induced the Town of Newmarkett at a Meeting of its Freeholders and other Inhabitants to Vote to dismiss the said Folsom from all further Service and to chose us a Committee to Prefer this Petition—humbly to beseech your Honours to reconsider said Appointment, and permit this Town still humbly to recommend the said Tash to your Honours Consideration & humbly to pray your Honours gracious Acceptance and Approbation of such Choice—And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall Pray—

Newmarkett 5th September 1775

Sam^l Baker
James Hill
Wentworth Cheswill

[8-31] [*Relative to Military Officers, 1775.*]

Colony of N. Hampshire

To the Honourable Councel & House of Representatives for
Said Colony—

The Petition & Remonstrance of us the Subscribers, non commission Officers & Soldiers in the north Company of Melitia in Newmarkett—Humbly Shews—

That Jeremiah Folsom under pretence of acting as Lieut. Col, of this Regiment, has as we humbly conceive, deprived us of the Liberty of Choosing our own Officers; agreeable to the Resolution of the Hon^{ble} Continental Congress; by assuming, & wantonly exercising, the Power of Moderator of the Meeting of s^d Company: & as such to adjourn from Time to Time; & from Place to Place; untill he had surreptitiously obtained a Vote for Edward Hilton Jr to be Captain: not by the free suffrages of the Soldiers, which we conceive ought to have been had; but by a Small Majority, of some of the Company, in Conjunction with several Commissioned Officers; & others that Did not belong to the Company & even some that did not belong to the Town—

Which Vote so obtained, he the s^d Folsom afterward refused to have reconsidered; tho' repeatedly demanded by a far greater Number than it was passed by and still persists in further adjourning the Meeting Contrary to the Sence of the Majority of the Company Present—and other unfair, partial, & oppressive behaviour, of s^d L^t Colonel, compels us Humbly to pray, the interposition of this Hon^{bl} Court; & that s^d Folsom may be removed, from the Office of L^t Colonel; and We be restored to the Priviledges of Soldiers, in Common with Other Americans: Which Priviledges, we are determined to Assert, maintain, & defend; according to the Resolutions of the Hon^{le} Continental Congress—or have our Aforesaid Greivances Redressed, in Manner as shall Seem Meet to your Hon^{rs} & your Petitioners shall Pray—

At a Meeting of the North Company of Melitia in Newmarkett March 5th 1776—

Peter Drown	Josiah Bennett	Richard perkins
John Nason	Volentine Rollins	Peter Hersey
Zebulon Doe 3 ^d	Willom Spriggens	Frances Durgain jr
William Simson	John meder	Cotton Bennet
John Perkins	Joseph meloon	Reuben Doe
Samuel Gill	Andrew Doe	Nicholas Doe Jun ^r
william Burley Junr	Jos ^h Clark	Zebulon Duda
John watson	Jonathan Dudley	Joshua Brackett

Smith Chapman	John Tash	Samuel Chapman
Edward Folsom	Samuel Chapman	Joseph Chapman
John Bartlett	Sen ^r	James Dearborn
Joseph Folsom	william folsom ir	Gideon knight
Anthony Pickering	Benj ^a Mead	Abraham Parsons
Jr	Lewis Kinnison	Robert Jackson
Aaron kinsten	Bening Brackett	Jonathan Doe
Joseph Saweige	Jeremiah Foss	
John Bennett Jur	Jonathan Folsam	

[8-32] [*Relative to Church Matters, 1777.*]

To the Hon^{ble} the Council and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in general Assembly convened 7th November 1777—

The Petition of Jeremiah Folsom, Josiah Adams and Wentworth Cheswill Agents for and in behalf of The Town of Newmarket—Humbly shews

That the Inhabitants of said Town being divided in Religious Sentiments; and the Circumstances of the Town not admitting of a local Division into two Parishes at Present: They have mutually agreed upon a Division between the Congregational & Preysbyterian Societies by Poll—In which Case neither Society having any legal Authority to call or settle a Minister of the Gospel in any way but as Individuals, nor can they Respectively as Seperate Bodys, vote assess or collect any Sums of Money for the Support of the Gospel nor Transact any other Prudential Affairs of the Ministry—which obvious Difficulties being increased by a Vacancy in the Ministry of one Society—The Inhabitants in legal Town Meeting Assembled the 3^d Ins^t mutually agreed upon a Mode of Division by Polling as by the Journal of said Meeting appears—and appointed us the Subscribers Agents to petition this Hon^{ble} Court for Leave to Bring in a Bill to recognize & establish said Division: and enable said Societies respectively to transact the Prudential Affairs of their Ministry seperatly in the same Manner the Town might do if united—Which we humbly pray your Honours to take under Consideration; and grant such Releif as to your Honours shall seem meet—

And your Petitioners shall pray—

Jeremiah Folsom
Josiah Adams
Wentworth Cheswill

[This petition was granted.—Ed.]

[8-33] [*Members of the West Society, 1778.*]

To the Town Clerk of Newmarket—

We the Subscribers desire our Respective Names be Entered as Members of the Western Society in Said Town Agreeable to Charter.

Jeremiah Folsom, Walter Bryent, Jun^r, Wm. Burleigh, James Cram, Thomas Bennet, Will^m Renton, Arthur Bennett, Levi Folsom, Joshua Bracket, Aaron Kinnison, Nich^o Harford, Jon^a Wiggen, W^m Burleigh, J^r, Zebulon Duda, Smith Chapman, Rufus Ewer, Benj^a Tayler, John Folsom, Josiah Burleigh, Jon^a Roberson, John Watson, David Wiggin, Joseph Smart, Robert Gooding, Enoch Folsom, Winthrop Wiggin, Thomas Church-ill, Mehitable Gooding, Jacob Ames, Joseph Young, Joseph Joy, John Young, Nicholas Doe, Edward Smith, W^m Simpson, Jacob Durgan, Thomas Wiggen, Joseph Gilman, John Cook, Joseph Clark, John Meeder, Elizabeth Folsom, Samuel Burleigh, Simeon Folsom, Edward Hilton, Asa Folsom, Thomas Kinnison, Walter Bryent, Josiah Hilton, Ichabod Bracket, Charles Smart, Israel Gilman, Jacob Burleigh, Jun^r, William Stockman, Zebulon Doe, Jun^r, Gamalil Ewer, Job Savage, Zebulon Doe, Liwes Kinnison, Benjamin Chapman, Jon^a Doe, Elizabeth Hilton.—

Received the 10th of January 1778—

True Copy

Attest Jos. Adams Town Cl

Nathanel Gilman	Zebulon Neal	Jonathan Colcord
Stephen Hardy	Nath ^l Rogers	Jun ^r
John Marster	Theodore Carlton	John Mighels
John Neal	E Mighels	Samuel Mighels
	William Shute	

In behalf of Sam^l Smart }
Nath^l Rogers }

In behalf of Josiah Smart }
Nath^l Gilman }

Dudley Smart	Peter Colcord	George Hart
Joseph Shute	Ebenezar Speed	Thomas Tayler
Jeremiah Young	Michael Shute Jun ^r	Ede Hall Bergin
Jeremiah Foss	Anthony W. Car-	Joseph Weeks
John Mead	penter	David Gilman
Levi Mead	Stephen Liford	
Eliphalet Colcord	Francis Durgin	

Recev'd April 12th 1779.

James Gilman. Recev^d March 31. 1782

Daniel Hilton Recv^d April 5. 1782

W ^m Boardman	} Receiv ^d March 2 ^d 1784—
Eliz. Boardman	
Vincent Tar	
John Young—Ju ^r	
Benj ^a Vernam	
James Smith	

The foregoing Names are true Coppy on Record. of those belonging to the West Society in Newmarket

Attest Josiah Adams
Town Cl

[8-34] [*Relative to New Market Bridge, 1780.*]

State of New-Hampshire

To the Hon^{ble} Council and House of Representatives for said State in general Assembly Conven'd at Portsmouth 24th october AD 1780—

Humbly Shew We the Subscribers, freeholders and Inhabitants of divers towns in this State that Stratham & Newmarket, Lottery Bridge so Called, is now become ruinous and almost impassable and unless Speedily Repaired the Great Expence of building it & Great Benefit and Convenience the Public might Still Receive therefrom will be entirely Lost—As the Said Bridge was built by Lottery for the Public advantage and as no particular Towns are Chargeable with the Repairs thereof your Petitioners humbly Conceive that a Lottery for the Repair of Said Bridge would be found the most eligible way Wherefore your Petitioners humbly Pray that your Honors would (as in Some Cases you have) Grant a Lottery for that purpose, or that the Same brige may be Supported in future at the Charge of the County of Rockingham or in such other manner as your Wisdom may dictate and your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray &c—

Walter Bryant	Edward Smith	Jer ^h Fosom
Tho ^a Tash	Samuel Burleigh	Rufus Ewers
Jeremy Bryant	Benj ^a Stevens	Elip ^t Neal
Joseph young	Jeremy pineo	Paul Chapman
Joseph Young Ju ^r	Benjamin Smith	Wiggin Doe
Benjamin Chapman	Simeon Folsom	Jon ^a Stevens

Josiah Parsons	Enoch Stevens	Stilmon Tarlton
Jos ^h Clark	Jonathan Doe	Asa Folsom
Nicholas Hartford	John Bennett Ju	Ich ^d Brackett
Jer ^e Young	Levi Mead	Sam ^l Durgin
Zebulon Durgin	Joseph Saevy	John gile
Benj ^a Smith	John Cooke	Edward foox
Jn ^o Smith	David Chapmon	William Coffin
Nath ^l Kidder	Benj Nudd	Joseph Brackett
James Cram	William Boardman	James Burley
John young	William Cram	John young
Robert Hill	Hubartus Neal	Robt. york.

[8-35] [*Proceedings of a Town-Meeting relative to Articles of Confederation, etc., 1782.*]

State of New Hampshire Rockingham ss—

The legal Inhabitants paying Taxes in the Town of Newmarket are hereby notified and Warned to meet at the Old Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the 18th Day of November next at 2 O'Clock P M. Then & there 1st to choose a Moderator—2^{dly} To Elect a Representative; and Vote for Councillors for the year insuing: agreable to a Precept from the General Court of this State—3^{dly} To take under Consideration the Plan of Government proposed by the Convention of this State, by their Resolution of the 21st of August last to be laid before the People—and Take such order thereon as the Meeting may think proper—4^{thly} To pass any Other Vote or Votes, that may then and there be thought necessary—

Given under our Hands at Newmarkett this 31st Day of October. 1782—

Walter Bryent Jun ^r	} Selectmen of Newmarket
Joseph Doe	
Wentworth Cheswill	

At a Meeting of the legal Inhabitants paying Taxes in the Town of Newmarkett. at the Old Meeting House in said Newmarket on Monday the 18th Day of November 1782. Pursuant to Warrant—

1st Voted Cap^t Samuel Baker Moderator—

The Moderator ordered the Votes to be brought in for the Choice of a Representative, the Votes being accordingly brought in and Numbered and there were

19 Votes for Col^o Hill

17 Votes for Cap^t Gilman

1 Vote for Mr John Tash

Whereupon the Moderator declared that the Meeting had made Choice of Col^o Hill for their Representative—

There was then an Objection made that the Proceedings of the Meeting was not legal by Reason of the Voters not takeing the Oath of Fidillity and after Debateing upon the Matter for Some Time the Meeting then Voted to adjourn to Monday next at One of the Clock in the Afternoon

This Meeting is accordingly adjourn'd

Samuel Baker. Moderator—

Attest, Josiah Adams Town Clk

The Meeting met according to Adjournment—upon Motion made Whether the Meeting Should Proceed to finish the Remainder of the Business in the Warrant, it past in the Affirmative by a large Majority—Whereupon Cap^t Samuel Gilman, Cap^t Neal, Theodore Carlton and Nath^l Gilman dissented against the above Vote by Reason the Voters not being Quallified—

The Moderator ordered the Votes to be brought in for the Choice of Councillors The Votes were accordingly brought in—Then Voted this Meeting be Adjourned to Monday the 9th day of December next, at one of the Clock in the afternoon, This Meeting is Adjourned Accordingly

Samuel Baker Moderator—

Attest Josiah Adams Town Clk

The Meeting met According to Adjournment this 9th Day of December 1782—a Paper was then presented to the Meeting Signed by a Number of Persons, Offering their Reasons for their Dissenting against the Meeting upon the Several adjournments, in the Following Words (Vizt)—

At a Town Meeting held at Newmarket 18th November, 1782 and Continued by adjournment, to the 25th November 1782, and further Continued by adjournment, 9th December, 1782—

From and against the Votes and Proceedings of all Sevall Meetings We the Subscribers Dissent and Protest for the following Among other Reasons—

1st Because when the Votes were brought in for a Representative and an objection was made against any Persons Voting who had not taking the Oath of Allegiance to the State the Moderator did not take care to see the Voters quallified according to Law, but Declared Col^o Hill chosen by a Majority of only One Vote, when it was Notoriously known that many of the Persons that Voted had not taken the Oath according to Law. 2^{dly} Because after the Objection was made as aforesaid and debated upon and the Act of the State enjoining the Afore-

said Oath was Read and the Meeting adjourned—on that Account no Entry there of was made, but on the adjournment the Moderator proceeded in the Vote for Councillors in the Same Manner as before without the Voters being Quallified and further adjourned the Meeting to Consider of the Plan of Government without any Notice being taken of the utter illegality of such proceeding—3^{dly} Because we Apprehend that many People were misled into such undue measures by Col^o Hill, publicly declaring in the Meeting that the Act enjoining an Oath of Allegiance was not intended for the People here but only made for the People in the upper part of the State—and therefore because many who were not Quallified and others that were Quallified Conceiving the proceedings to be illegall did not Vote either for Representative or Councillors, We as afore-said do Dissent and Protest against the proceedings had or to be had in the Premises—and Request an Entry of the foregoing on the Records—

Samuel Gilman
Robert Pike
Bradstreet Gilman
Andrew Gilman

Samuel Neal
James Gilman
Daniel Hilton
Nath^l Gilman

Joseph S. Gilman
Theodore Carlton
Hubartus Neal
Jacob Fowler—

Upon Motion made Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the Widdow Longfellows House Immediately—Met According to adjournment, and after Reading the Plan of Government and debateing thereupon—it was put whether the said Plan Should be Received or Not, it past in the Affirmative Ten for it, and Three against it—

This Meeting is Disolved—

Samuel Baker Moderator

Attest Josiah Adams Town Clk

A True Coppy of the Whole

Attest Josiah Adams Town Clk

[8-37] [*Petition for a Civil Magistrate, 1784.*]

State of Newhampshire—

To his Excellency the President, and the honourable the Council of the State of New Hampshire—

The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of the town of Newmarket, in the county of Rockingham, humbly Shews—

That the necessity of appointing civil Officers, of integrity, uprightness & ability is of the last importance, & deeply felt by

your Petitioners—That as your Petitioners wish that Persons may be appointed in this town to the Office of Justices of the Peace, whose lives, Abilities & Estate will not only do honor to the town, but tend to make the government under which we live permanent & respectable. That as a multiplicity of business is transacted in that part of the Town called Lamper-River, which part of the town for some time past has been, & now is, destitute of a person in Commission for the Conservation of the Peace—Your Petitioners humbly beg leave to mention to your Excellency & honours, Jeremy Bryant Esq^r as a Person (resident in said part of the town) best qualified, in their opinion, for that Important office—Your Petitioners mean not to dictate, but humbly pray your Excellency & honours, if you think the abovenamed Person worthy, that he may be appointed to the aforesaid important Office &, as in duty bound, will ever pray &c—

Newmarket 5th April 1784

James Hill	Lewis Kinnison	Tho ^s Carlton
Daniel Hill	Moses kinnison	Charles Smart ir
John Shute	Josiah Hilton	Joseph Saweige
Jacob Fowler	Robert Goodwin	Samuel waymouth
Edward Hilton	Jonath Wigans	Hilton Smart
Sam ^l Gilman	Jacob Ames	Wiggin Doe
Andrew Gilman	John Watson	Sam Chapman
Tho ^s Taylor	Cotton Bennet	John M. Smith
Levi Chapman	David Chapman	Andrew Smith
Robert Pike Ju	Levi Pickreing	thomas wiggin
William Cario	Dudly Smart	Benning Brackett
Philip Fowler	Richard Hilton	Daniel Hilton
Nath Gilman	Samuel Ward	Samuel Pickering
Thomas Bennett	John Sanborn	John Perkins
Walter Bryent Jr	Solomon Daniels	Jacob Folsom
John Bennet	Edward Wells	Willam Folsom
Winthrop Smith	W ^m French	Jacob Hersey
Eliphalet Smith	Thomas Hanaford	John Marston
Benj ^a Mead	Zebulon Barber	
Wentworth Cheswill	John Ames	

[8-38]

[*Petition for a Magistrate, 1784.*]

State of New Hampshire—

To his Excellency the President and Hon^{ble} Council for the State of New Hampshire convened at Concord the first Wednesday in June Anno Domini 1784—

Humbly shew the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Newmarket in the County of Rockingham and State afore^d That a Justice of the peace is greatly wanted in the north part of said Town; especially the district called Lampereel River—Your Petitioners beg leave to recommend M^r James Smith as a person of good reputation, and well qualified to act in said office; Therefore they would humbly pray your Excellency, and Council to commissionate the said James Smith to act as a Justice of the peace in said County of Rockingham, And your Petitioners as in duty bound will pray &c—

March 23th 1784.

Nathaniel Ewer	Joseph Young Jun ^r	Asa Folsom
William Burley	George Curtis	David Coolcord
Jonathan Robinson	Jonathan Colcord	W. Renton
Benj Taylore	Benjamin French	Samuel Ward
James Cram	Benjamin Dow	Elijah Wiggins
William Bordman	Paul Chapman	Simeon Folsom
Jethro Sandborn	John Cooke J ^r	Benjamin Chapman
Jonathan Doe	Jer ^e Young	Zebulun Doe
John Young	Ich ^d Brackett	Joseph Smith Juner
William Burley Jur	Simon Dow	Benjamin Varnum
Sam ^l Smart	John Cook	John Meader
John Young Jun ^r	Andrew Doe	Zebedee Dude
David Cram	Vincent Torr	Josiah Parsons

[8-39] [*Petition for Authority to call a Special Meeting, 1785.*]

To the Hon^{ble} House of Representatives Of the State of New Hampshire in General Court Convened June 8th 1785—

Humbly Shows the Subscribers Inhabitants of Newmarket, That at the last Annual Meeting held in Newmarket for the Choice of a Representative a Vote was Obtained to desolve said Meeting without any Choice being made, Contrary to the Minds of a great Number of said Inhabitants—

Your Petitioners conceiving themselves Injured they therefore pray your Hon^{rs} would Grant Liberty to the Selectmen of the Town of Newmarket, to call a Meeting to make Choice of a Representative to Represent said Town in the General Court the Current Year—and as bound Shall pray &c—

Newmarket, June 14th 1785

Hubartus Neal	Josia Adams	Jonathan Colcord
David Colcord	Dan ^l Hill	Winthrop Wiggin
John Neal	Hub ^t Neal Jun ^r	John Colcord
Zebulon Neal	Robert Pike	Peter Colcord
W ^m Cario	Walter Shute	William Shute
Moses Burleigh	W ^m Odiorne	Edward Colcord
John M. Smith	Robart Mitchel	W ^m Badger
A. W. Carpenter	Rueben Doe	Stilmon Tarlton
Theod ^r Carlton	Philip Fowler	Eliphalet Colcord
Samuel Gilman Jun ^r	Dan ^l Hilton J ^r	John Marster
Joseph Mash	Joseph Hoage	Enoch Stevens
David Smart	David Hilton	Robert Smart
John Shute	William Neal	Samuel Baker

[The foregoing petition was granted in H. of Rep., June 17, 1785.—ED.]

[8-42] [*Proposal relative to Bridge, 1785.*]

The Subscribers in behalf of the Petitioners for the removal of Newmarket Bridge beg leave to make the following proposal

If the Honorable General Court will be pleased to grant the prayer of the Petitioners for the purpose aforesaid We will give sufficient Bonds to build A Bridge at the Newfields Two feet higher than it now is the Piers with half Diamonds up & down the River the Ship Passage Thirty One feet wide and keep it in repair Twenty Years

Nat. Rogers
Henry Wiggin

[8-46] [*Petition to have New Market Bridge repaired, 1785.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Hon^{ble} Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened at Portsmouth the 1st Day of June 1785.

Humbly shews, The subscribers, that, Newmarket Bridge, so called, leading from Stratham to Newmarket, is, and for a long time has been, in a ruinous condition—that, unless immediate repairs prevent, the great design of building the same will be defeated, and the public essentially injured thereby—

Wherefore, as the continuance of said Bridge would be of public benefit, your petitioners humbly pray, that your honors would devise some way, for its speedy Repair and future support, and they as in Duty bound will ever pray &c

Daniel Rindge	W ^m Sheafe	Joseph Cotton Jur
W ^m Brewster	Sam Penhallow Jr	Reuben Snell
David Folsom	Jeremiah Hill	James Trefethen
Dan R. Rogers	Ichabod Nichols	Joseph Clark
Nahum Ward	Edmund H Quincy	Ezekiel pitman
Sam ^l Storer	Samuel Hill	Natt ^l Melcher
Edward Sargent	Jo Haven	W ^m Dearing
Aaron Hill	Joseph Champney	Jos ^h Seaward
John Gould	Jacob Sheafe jun ^r	Gupey Studley
J. allcock	Ric ^d Champney	Eph ^m Ham
Rob ^t Parker	Peter Coues	Amos Beck
Sam ^l Bowles	W ^m Morris	Edmund Coffin
William parker	James drisco	Paul Loughton
James Haslett	W ^m Gardner	John Hall
Dan ^l Peirce	Nat : Sparhawk	Josiah Akarman
John Lewes	Nath ^l Adams	Humfry Thomas
Sam ^l Ham J ^r	Martin Parry	Giles Seaward
R Hart	John Lebbey	John Broten
John Sherburne	John Melcher	thomas thurber
Hall Jackson	Nath ^l Peirce	Thomes Stoodly
John Peirce	Beng ⁿ Drowne	Jn ^o Seaward
W ^m Whipple	Joshua Brackett	Thomas Walden
Sam ^l Cutts	John Sheafe	Timothy Ham
Jn ^o Tuckerman	Robert Gerrish	Sam ^l Place
John Beck	William Ham	Thomas Preast
Win ^t Bennet	Geo : Jaffrey	Sam ^l Waters Jur
James Hill	James Grouard	Rich ^d Harvey
Moses Woodward	James Miller	Robert Neall
Daniel Hart	Benjamin Slade	Daniel Lang
Edward Park	Thos Sherburne	William Vaughan
John Cutt	Sam ^l Moses Jun ^r	Benja ⁿ Partridge
Abner Blasdel	Hunking Faxson	Nath Pitman
John Dennett	Danel Davis	Joseph O Shaw
Benjamin Woodbury	Jacob Sheafe	Samuel Hall
Joth ^m O Appleton	Sam Sheafe	W ^m Cotton
Alexander Ewen	Shackford Seaward	Sam ^l Hutchings
Joseph Fitzgerald	John Pitman	Reuben Shapley
Charles Waters	Richard Jenkins	Joseph Moulton
Titus Salter	John Howe	James Marden
Samuel Fernald	James Melcher	Charles Roberts
John Reding Jur	John Greenleaf	Joseph Shillaber
Thomas Sheafe	James Jones	Jon Chase Freese
Henry Sherburne	William White	Stephens Weeks
Elijah Hall	Benj ^a G Carter	Joseph Walton
Rich ^d Billings	Ephraim Dennett	Theo ^r Davis
Enoch Meloon	Samuel Cotton	Tho Roach
Tobias Walker	Joseph Akerman	Joshua L Huntress

Jn ^o Shores	Seth Walker	William Brotten
Nath ^l Thwing	Nath ^l Marshall	John Reed
Thomas Simes	Richard Low	George Tucker
Samuel Briard	John Ham	Nathan Nichols
Samuel Briard J ^r	Tho Bickford	Jon ^a Shillaber
John Peirce Jun ^r	John Cutt Jun ^r	Samuel Waterhouse
Jn ^o Simes	Dan ^l Symes	Nahum Akarman
W ^m McHard	John Marshall	Mark Nelson
Jonathan Warner	John Stavers	Artemas W Trusdel
Samul Doe	Sam ⁿ Dalling	George Jerry Os-
Nath ^l Dennett	John Sparhawk	borne, jur
A. R. Cutter	Dan ^l Huntress	Sam ⁿ Jones
Thomas Palmer	John Martin	John Gardner
Samuel Haven J ^r	John Sherburn	John Lord
Sam Sherburne	William Seavy	W ^m Moses
Benj Bigelow Jun ^r	O Whipple	George Seward
Clement Storer	Th ^o Moses	N : furbur
W ^m Wilson	Thomas Chadbourn	Solomon Cotton
Nat Treadwell	Noah Peirce	W ^m Blunt
Francis Borland	Sam ⁿ Jackson	Sam ^l Rymes
W ^m Knight	John Penhallow	John Wendell
John Furnald	Sam ^l Drowne	George Freese
Edmund Roberts	Samuel Tripe	Joseph Bass
Geo Wentworth	Nath ^l March	John Goddard
Jeremiah Libbey	Tim ^o Gerrish	Joseph Freese
Peter Pearse	Henry Bickford	Joseph Whidden
Geo Turner	Charles B. Grace	Benj ^a Dearborn
Keith Spence	Stacy Hall	Sam ^l Langdon
Sam Hale	William Ayers	George Massey
Tho ^o Thompson	William Yeaton	
Mark H ^s Wentworth	John Davenport	

[In H. of Rep., June 4, 1785, a committee was appointed on the foregoing petition, consisting of Colonels Bartlett, Wiggin, Gilman, Toppan, and Mr. Brackett; the senate added Mr. Gilman and Mr. Atkinson. The following is their report.—ED.]

[8-43]

The Com^{ee} on the within petition beg leave to report as their opinion that the former Act respecting the Bridge be repealed & that an Act pass enacting that in future the said Bridge be repaired & supported in manner following viz that the end on Newmarket side so far as to the hoist be repaired & supported at the expence of the said Town of Newmarket and the end on Stratham side be repaired and supported at the expence of said

Stratham so far as the hoist and that the hoist be repaired & supported at the expence of the Towns of Portsmouth greenland & Rye Portsmouth to pay three quarters of said expence greenland & Rye the other quarter for & during the Term of ten years and no longer which is submitted

Geo. Atkinson for the Com^{ee}

[In H. of Rep., June 17, 1785, the foregoing report was accepted, but the senate did not concur.—ED.]

[8-47] [*Petition for the removal of New Market Bridge, 1785.*]

State of Newhampshire

To the Hon^{ble} Senate & House of Representatives for Said State in General Court convened at Concord the third Wednesday of Oct^r 1785—

Humbly shew the Subscribers, that Newmarket Bridge is unpassable and in a ruinous condition, that the Remaining materials of the Bridge will be lost soon unless the Bridge is repaired, or materials removed—that your petitioners conceive there is no prospect of the Bridge being Repaired, and that the remains of the Bridge were they removed to the Newfields, would Serve to build a Bridge across the River there, where the River is narrower and the Tide less rapid, than the place where the Bridge Stands, if a Bridge were erected and kept at the Newfields the Public would be better Accommodated and the River less obstructed—And as many Persons are Willing to Subscribe considerable sums of Money to build a Bridge at the Newfields Your petitioners conceive there is a fair prospect of a Sufficient Sum being subscribed for building a Bridge there and keeping the same in repair for ten years from the building thereof in case leave were given to move the Materials of the Old Bridge to help build the new one, before the removal of which Materials Sufficient caution shall be given for building and keeping the new Bridge in Repair as aforesaid and your petitioners as in duty bound shall pray &c

Jo^s Cilley
Sam^l Dearborn
Brad^y Cilley
Jon^a Cilley
Jon^a Rawson

Isaac Prince
Benjamin Butler
Joshua Stevens
Edward Bean
Tho^s Harvy

John Ford
Alexander Lucy
Benjamin Lucy
Tho^s Bartlet
John F^y Williams

Thomas Jenness	Joseph Nealey	Mich. M ^c Clary
Rand	John Harvy	Samuel Prescut
Isaac fry Williams	Jonathan Tilton	Sam ^l Robie
William Simpson	David Thompson	
John Avery	Asa Guile	

[8-48] [*Remonstrance to foregoing, 1786.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the hon^{ble} Senate & house of Representatives of said State
in General Assembly convened—February 1st 1786—

The Answer of the Towns of Durham Newmarket Madbury, Lee and Northwood, to a Certain Petition now depending before this hon^{ble} Court to remove Newmarkett Bridge to the New Fields, by their Committees appointed for that Purpose, whose Names are hereunto subscribed: who for themselves and their Constituents, humbly Pray, that for the following among other Reasons (which they beg Leave to offer at the hearing) that the Prayer of the Said Petition may not be granted—

To which we object and say

1st That a very considerable Part of the Petitioners themselves, do not wish the Bridge to be removed: and were only induced to sign the Petition upon a Misrepresentation, that there would not be any Bridge unless it was Removed: the Contrary of which will not so clearly appear; that we presume to hope the hon^{bl} Court will consider the said Petition, as in fact it is a Measure calculated to serve the private Views of a few Persons about the New-fields to the manifest detriment of the Public in general.—

2^{dly} Because the principal Reasons therein assigned for Removal of the Bridge are not True, for they say that at the proposed Place the river is narrower & the Tide less Rapid than at the Place where the Bridge Stands. the bare denial of which we presume might be a sufficient Answer—For the River at the Bridge being not only broader but also much deeper, consequently the Tide cannot be so rapid—The very Water Courses of the Present Bridge by their Wedth & depth afford a larger Passage for the Water, than the whole wedth of the River at the newfields and from which deducting the Spaces which the Piers & abutments of a Bridge will necessarily take up, the Course of the Water will be so much obstructed as will effect the Navagation to a very great Degree as well as endanger the Bridge it self—They also say that a Bridge at the Newfields

would better Accommodate the Public & less obstruct the River—neither of which facts are True, for the Contrary will clearly appear both by the Memorials: and also by the Plan (herewith exhibited) it will appear that for all Travellers on the lower Road leading over said Bridge the way by the proposed Bridge is a Mile & three quarters further than by the Present Bridge and a much worse road especially for Carriages—And even the Western Road thro' Epping Nottingham, Deerfield, Epsom &c the lower Road is 154 Rods nearer—so that upon the very moderate computation of only 50 Persons a Day passing said Bridge by each of said Roads such Removal will Occasion the Public more than 36,000 miles Travel in a Year; besides more than a quarter of a Days work for every Team passing to and from Portsmouth that Way; which will be a Cost far exceeding the Repair of the Bridge; so that the Public cannot (with any Propriety) be said to be Accommodated by a Measure which will be detrimental to more thousands than it can really Benefit single Persons—The same we must still object & say with Respect to the Obstruction of the River, untill we hear upon what new Principles they will prove That, the Smaller the Passage the same Body of Water passes through in the same Time the less rapid the Stream—

3^{dly} Because a Work of such Importance as a Bridge over a Navigable River, in its own Nature ever is should be done not only in such manner & Place as would best Accomodate the Public in passing over the same, but also be the least detrimental to the Water Carriage; and which in that River is of considerable Consequence—And accordingly the Place where the Bridge now is was fixed upon for that purpose by a Committee of both Branches of the Legeslature, accompanied by an approved Engeneer, sent on Purpose to view & examine the River before the Bridge was built and now many Years tryal clearly shows that the Place was well chosen: Whereas it is uncertain whether a Bridge could be made to stand at the proposed Place where the current is quicker and the Botom sandy—

4^{thly} Because there has been more than a Mile of Road laid out on purpose to accomodate the Present Bridge, which upon Removal thereof, if continued open will be a needless burden on the public: and if shut up, will leave those Persons who upon Confidence in the public Faith have purchased or divided their Estates in Conformity thereto, to purchase Roads for themselves: some of them thro' the same Land, which their Ancesters generously gave the Public:—And several Miles more of New Road, must be purchased by the Public—

5^{thly} We object & Answer that all the other Reasons by them assigned for the Removal of the Bridge; either operate as

forcably for the repair of the same where it now is; or are mere Suggestions without the least Foundation—

All which we are ready, to Prove to the hon^{le} Court on Trial and for which amoung other Reasons, We humbly pray that the Prayer of said Petition may not be granted—

And that Leave may be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Repair of the Present Bridge & prescribing the Method in which the Same shall be supported in future by Subscription, agreable to a proposal of your Memorialists herewith exhibited, or otherways as to your Hon^{rs} in Wisdom shall seem meet: And your Memorialists as in Duty bound shall pray—

Lee, 30th January 1786.—

Geo: ffrost	}	Committe for Durham
Eben ^r Thompson		
volentine mathes		

Sam ^l Gilman	}	Committe for Newmarket
Joseph Young		
Wentworth Cheswill		

John Demerit	}	Committe for Madbury
John Wingate		

Reuben Hill	}	Committe for Lee—
Joseph Sias		
Robert thompso		

John Harvey	}	Committe for Northwood
Jon ^a Clark		

[8-51] [*Remonstrance of Citizens of Epping.*]

To the hon^{ble} the Senate and house of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Court Assembled February 1786—

The Humble Petition & Remonstrance of the Subscribers, Freeholders & Inhabitants of Epping and places adjacent in said State, Shew, as causes why the Prayer of a Certain Petition now depending before this hon^{ble} Court to remove Stratham Bridge to the New Fields, should not be granted, the following among other Reasons—

1st Because, upon survey of the River, and adjacent places a former Committee of the general Court, Accompanied with approved Engeneer, sent on purpose to examine the Premises then adjudged, the Place where the Bridge now stands to be

the best if not the only convenient place, to accomodate both the Land and Water Carriage—

2^{dly} Because the said Bridge being built by a Lottery many Adventurers undoubtedly, risked their money soly with a view of having the Bridge established where it would best accomodate them, which would not be the case were the same to be removed as is now proposed—

3^{dly} Because there is already a Subscription, which we conceive will be full sufficient, to put the Bridge in good repair much sooner than it could possibly be removed—

4^{thly} Because we conceive the great Utility of the Bridge will ever be more likely to procure Subscriptions to keep it in Repair in the Place where it now is, where it so well Accomodates the Public in general, than if it was removed where (excepting the Present projectors, who may not always happen to be so warm) it can Accomodate but very few—

Wherefore we humbly & mostly earnestly pray that the said Petition may be dismissed—

Nathaniel Wiggin
Moses Davis
David Folsom
Winthrop Folsom
David Folsom Ju
Nath^l Ladd

Levi Franch
Josiah Clark
Samuel French
Josiah Tilton
Benj Straw
Daniel Dow

Lyford Dow
Benj Dow
John Parsons
Stephen Clark Jur
Job Parsons
Zebulon Dow

[8-49] [*Deposition of Hubartus Neal relative to the Bridge.*]

The Deposition of Cap^t Hubartus Neal of Lawful Age Testifies and says, that he the Deponent has been well acquainted with Exeter River for many year's, more particularly with them Parts of said River, where both the Ferries were formerly kept between Stratham & Newmarket, and says that at the lower place where the Bridge is now built the Bottom is very hard, & firm, and about Ten feet depth of Water in the Channel at low Water, and the River is about four hundred feet wide—The Deponent also says that at the Newfields Landing the River is about Two hundred and ninty five feet wide, & from three to Six & half feet Deep and the Bottom, Sand & loose Bottom—

And the Deponent further saith, that he viewed the said Bridge last week & upon Examination the Deponent found the Stone Abutments of said Bridge which extend about two hundred & fifty feet, to remain almost intirely firm and good as

when first built, and also all them parts of the Piers below half Tide.

Hubartus Neal

Feb. 6, 1786—

[Sworn before Samuel Gilman.]

[8-50] [*Deposition of Captain Woodman relative to the Bridge.*]

The Deposition of Cap^t Archelaus Woodman of lawful Age testifies & says that he the Deponent has been well acquainted with the building Bridges many Years, & that he the Deponent did last week at the Request of Committees from Divers Towns Examine & survey the Bridge over Exeter River, & also the said River at the Newfields landing—And says that almost all the Stone work of the Abutments, & the Piers below half Tide is sound & good and Appears to stand very firm & solid and the Deponent says he found the Bottom there to be very level, & exceeding hard and firm, and the Water about Ten feet deep at low water—And also the Deponent says that he found the Bottom of said River at the Newfields to be very uneven, and soft—and appeared to the Deponent to be Sand or loose Gravel—and the water from three to Six & half feet Deep—

Archelaus Woodman

Feb. 6th 1787—

[Sworn before Samuel Gilman.]

[8-52] [*Deposition of Walter Bryant.*]

The Deposition of Walter Bryant aged about Seventy five years testifieth & saith that y^e Deponant (with messers Hubartus Neal & Archelaus Woodman) on the 4th Instant measured y^e Bridge & took the Depth of the water below Low water mark in the passages for water through said Bridge over y^e River from Newmarket to Stratham and found the warfe there Built on the northwest Side of said River to be from the upland to the first passage way one hundred Seventy & Six feet then a passage for watter thirty & five feet & one half foot yⁿ a pair twenty three & one half feet then a passage thirty four feet Broad Six feet & nine Inches Deep below Low watter mark then a pair Sixteen feet Broad on which the highst Stands then the passage for Vessels twenty nine feet Broad & Eight feet

Deep on the top of the timber there which is more then two feet high from y^e Bottom of the River then a peir Sixteen feet Broad then a passage forty five feet & one half Broad & Eight feet & one half Deep below Low watter mark (for Rafts &c to pass in) to the Butment on the South East Side of the River which Butment is Seventy feet to the upland & the Deponant finds by Calculation that the passages for watter below Low watter mark where the Bridge Stands is by multipling the Bredth by the Depth Contains nine hundred Eighty & three Square feet then the Deponant & Company moved to the newfields Landing & found the watter passages that may be there may Contain below Low watter mark Seven hundred & nineteen Square feet the Difference is two hundred Sixty four Square feet according to the Best of my Judgment the Bottom at the Bridge is Level & hard the Bottom at the newfields is more Sandy & Soft

Walter Bryent

[Sworn before Samuel Gilman.]

[Documents numbered 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, and 59, in the manuscript volume, are petitions for the appointment of Wentworth Cheswill as justice of the peace; and number 60 is a petition for Eliphalet Smith.—ED.]

[8-62] [*Relative to Church Matters, 1793.*]

At a legal meeting of the west Society in Newmarket held at the New meeting house in said town the 29th day of may 1793 by adjournment

Voted Cap^t Joseph Young be moderator P T—

Voted M^r Ichabod Hilton Doc Nathaniel Kidder & Cap^t Andrew Gilman be a Committee to join a Committee of the east society in said town to Petition the General Court for a Repeal of an Act passed the 21th Day of November A D 1777 dividing this town into two Societies—

Joseph Young moderator

A Copy examined by James Smith Society Clerk—

[8-63]

At a legal Meeting of the East Society in New market held at the Newmeeting House in s^d Town May 29th 1793, by Adjournment—

Voted that M^r Ichabod Hilton Doct^r Nathaniel Kidder, and Cap^t Andrew Gilman, be a Committee to join a Committee of the West Society; to Petition the General Court for a Repeal of Act passed the 27th Day of November 1777, dividing this Town into Two Societies—

A true Extract from the Minutes of s^d Meeting

Examined per Wentworth Cheswill Clerk

[8-64] [*Petition relative to Church Matters, 1793.*]

State of New hampshire—

To His Excellency the Governor, the Hon^{ble} Senate & House of Representatives in General Court conven'd at Concord the first Wednesday of June 1793.

The Petition of the Subscribers Agents appointed at a Meeting of the East and West Societies in Newmarket Notified according to Law—humbly sheweth that in the month of November A D 1777 an Act passed the General Assembly of said State dividing said Town into two Societies—The Operation of which from Experience has been found to be very in convenient & prejudicial to the Intrest of the parties concerned,—Wherefore they pray in behalf of said Societies that the aforesaid Act may be repealed—And as in duty bound will ever pray &c—

Ichabod Hilton
Nath^l Kidder
And Gilman

Newmarket June 5th 1793

[The act was repealed June 13, 1793.—ED.]

[8-65] [*Relative to Soldiers who died of Small-Pox, 1761.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Governor & Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New Hampshire the Hon^{ble} His Majesty's Council and House of Representatives for said Province in General Assembly Convened the Eighteenth Day of February 1761

The Humble Petition of the Select Men of Newmarket in said province Shews—That Lieu^t Samuel Baldwin and David Doe Returning Home from the Army was taken Sick of the

Small Pox of which they Both Died which has been Vary Expensive to the parish of said Newmarket Lieut Samuel Baldwin in his Sickness Cost the parish three Hundred Ninty four pounds twelve Shilling and Six pence old tenor

and David Doe^e Expen^e is one Hundred twenty Eight Pounds three Shillings old tenor

Wherefore your Petitioners Humbly Pray that in your Great Wisdom and Goodness you would Remitt the above Sums to the Parish of said Newmarket and your petitioners as in Dutey bound Shall Ever Pray &c

Hubartus Neal }
John Burleigh } Select men
Peter Folsom }

[The town was allowed £20, 18, 2½ sterling. The following is a copy of the bill for necessaries furnished in Baldwin's case :]

[8-66]

Dec^r 22 1760 The Select men of Newmarket Dr to John mead for attending Samuel Baldwin Sick with the Small pox

to Quart of wine and Butter at 69s 6d	£3- 9-6
to meat Sass and Butter at 108s 6d	5- 8-6
to Candels at 32s	1-12-0
to Rum Suger and Sider at 101s	5- 1-0
To meat Brad and Sass 1 Lb of Suger at	7- 8-0
To 2 Quarts of Rum 3 Lb of Suger at 104s	5- 4-0
To Bread Honey and Rum at 33s	1-13-0
To 2 Quarts of Rum meat and Bread 110s	5-10-0
To 2 Lb of Suger 2 Lb of Butter at 52s	2-12-0
To pork and Turnops 20s	1- 0-0
To meat and Sider at 140s	7- 0-0
To Rum and Suger at 91s	4-11-0
To wine tea Sope and a Laman at 126s	6- 6-0
To Rum Suger and Sider	5- 0-0
To meat Bread and Sass 93s	4-13-0
To 3lb of Suger at 36s	1-16-0
To Rum and Biscak at	1- 5-0
To Rum and Suger at 103s	5- 3-0
To Beaf pork and Sass at 130s	6-10-0
To Beef pork and Sass at 36s	1-16-0
To Suger and Sider at 36s	1-16-0
To Bread and milk at	1- 4-0
To Sope Candels Cider and Rum at 91s	4-11-0
To meal Sider and Sass at 25s	1- 5-0

To Rum Suger and Sope at 107s	5- 7-0
To meat Bread Sass Cider &c at 118s	5-18-0
To Suger and Cider at 36s	1-16-0
To Cheas meat Bread Sass and Suger	6- 3-0
To wood Rum pork and Beef at	10- 8-0
To Suger and Butter at 30s	1-10-0

Febeuary 14th 1761

old tenor

£122-16-0

Errors Excepted

per John Mead

[Sworn to before Thomas Young, Justice of the Peace.]

NEWPORT.

The township was granted, Oct. 6, 1761, to Nathaniel Fish and others in sixty-eight equal shares. The grantees were residents of Killingworth, Conn., and vicinity, and the first settlers, six in number, came from that place in 1765, cleared some land, sowed it with rye, and in the fall returned and spent the winter in Connecticut. They came to Newport again in June, 1766, five of them bringing their families, and made permanent settlements. Not being able to fulfil the conditions of the grant, the grantees applied to the governor and council for an extension, which was granted Feb. 2, 1769.

Newport was made the shire town on the formation of Sullivan county in 1827, and has so remained ever since.

Mrs. Sarah Josepha (Buel) Hale, a writer of distinction, and for many years the editor of a magazine called *Godey's Lady's Book*, published in Philadelphia, was a native of this town.

Newport did its full share in the Revolution, and in the war for the suppression of the Slaveholders' Rebellion, and is at present one of the prosperous towns of the state.

[8-75]

The Names of the Men Sojourning and Residing at Shugar River and their Improvements

Benjamin Davis 4 acres
 James Powers 5 acres
 Nehemiah McNeill 6 acres
 John mash 6 acres
 Moses Sparford 6 acres
 John Lines 7 acres

By His Excellencys order

Nehemiah McNeill

[Moses Spafford afterward resided in Claremont. There is nothing in the original to indicate what town these men belonged to.—ED.]

[8-76] [*Petition for a new Grant of the Township, 1768.*]

Province of New Hamp^r

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esq^r Captain, General,
 Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majestys
 Province of New Hampshire and Vice Admiral of the Same
 in Council—

The Petition of Stephen Wilcox of Killingsworth in the
 Colony of Connecticut Gentlemen, unto your Excellency and
 the Hon^{ble} Council Humbly shews—

That your Petitioner and the other Grantees of the township
 of Newport, have been at incredible Expence in bringing for-
 ward the Settlement of said Township, which is well known
 to the Neighbouring Settlers; Your Petition^r have laboured
 under such Discouragements for want of Roads and the Neces-
 saries of Life &c that they have scarce been able to withstand
 their Troubles, which Y^r Petitioner sett forth in his Petition
 exhibited the 5th of October 1768 in behalf of Himself & the
 other Grantees & prayed that they might be assisted by the
 Neighbouring Towns in laying out Roads: To his & their
 great Surprize they have heard that Reuben Kidder Esq^r of
 New Ipswich, hath preferr'd his Petition for obtaining the Non
 Residents Rights in said Township, which Petition we beg
 Leave to represent unto your Excellency & Honours is both
 unreasonable and unjust especially in said Kidder who already
 owns more Land than he can conveniently settle, and would
 strive to enrich himself with the Monies expended by many
 poor People who have cheerfully contributed & paid their
 Taxes and Labour in forwarding the Settlement—They hope
 greater Indulgence and from your Excell^{cy} known Candor to-
 wards Encouragement of Industry they doubt not to obtain

your further fav^r by regranteeing to all the former Grantees y^e Continuance of their Rights under a New Charter, Your Petitioners will readily pay the Expences of the Survey, when they are duely informed of the Cost thereof: They rely on Your Excellencys Favours and as in Duty bound he and they shall ever pray—

Portsm^o Dec^r 3^d 1768.

Stephen Wilcocks in behalf of Himself & the other Grantees of the Township of Newport

[The time for complying with the conditions of the charter was extended Feb. 2, 1769.—ED.]

[8-77] [*Return of Ratable Polls.*]

Agreeable to A request Sent us by General Assembly of Sending them the Numbers of Male Polls of Twenty one Years of age And upwards that Pay for them selves apolle Tax Wee have Proceeded agreeable to said Request & Wee find the Number to Be Eighty Nine Male polles that pay for themselves A polle Tax Test—

Jed ^h Reynolds	} Select men of Newport
Ezra Parmele	
Jesse Willcocks	

Newport December the
8th day 1783

[Sworn to before Moses Whipple, Justice of the Peace.]

[8-79] [*Petition to have the Proceedings of a Town-Meeting legalized, 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire—

To the Hon^{ble} the Council and Assembly Convien'd at Concord
on the 2^d Tuesday in June 1783—

May it please Your Hon^r

Your Petitioners in behalf and at the desire of the Inhabitants of the Town of Newport in full Town Meeting Assembled humbly Shew that thro' their inadvertence and other reasons concurring they are in an unhappy situation with respect to their Collecting the remaining part of the Taxes due to the State which we Suppose tis in your hon^rs power and yours only to grant us relief, for true it is y^r Petitioners did not know till

lately that there was a Necessity for Town Inhabitants to take the Oath of Fidelity in order to their being legally quallified to Vote in Town Meetings, and as they have of late so if it is Necessary in future they are willing to Conform but as some of the Inhabitants in this Town Excuse themselves and refuse to pay the outstanding Taxes, by reason our Town Meetings were not warned according to Law i: e: our Select Men had not taken the Oath of Fidelity and consequently our Town-Officers were not Legally Chosen, We therefore pray Y^r Hon^{rs} to Establish all our Town Meetings untill this time which would have been legal in case the Oath of Fidelity had never been Enacted and that they may be held legal to all Intents and purposes whatsoever as they might or could have been before said Oath of Fidelity became a Law of this State, or Otherwise in your wisdom as it may Seem meet Enable your Petitioners to Collect the remaining part of the Taxes due by this Town to the State and Y^r Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever pray

Jed ^h Reynold	} Select Men in behalf
Ezra Parmele	
Jesse Willcocks	
	& for the
	Town of Newport

Newport May 29th 1783

[8-78] [*Remonstrance to the foregoing.*]

To the Honourable the General Assembly of the State of New-hampshire Convened at Concord the Second Tuesday June Instant

The Remonstrance and Petition of the Under-signers Humbly Sheweth that the Proceedings of the town of Newport have for a Considerable time past been Illegal and Unjust. Illegal because they have Acted directly Opposite to an Act passed by the General Assembly of this State: which Act imposeth an Oath of Fidelity upon the Subjects of this State. Unjust because of Votes that have been passed in town-meetings, by a Small part of the Inhabitants of s^d town, in particular their proceedings in Calling and Settling a minister; and thereby disposing of publick Land, (for the particular Circumstances of the matter we would refer your honours to a certain Objection Laid before the Rev^d Council Met at Newport for the purpose of Ordaining M^r John Remele the 21st day of January Last herewith presented) We your Humble Petitioners therefore think it Expedient for the Peace and welfare of the town to lay the Matter before your Honourable Body humbly Praying your Interposition on our behalf that the Late

Illegal and Unjust proceedings of this town may not be Established by your Honourable body and we have that trust and Confidence in our Legislators as not to think they will confirm any proceedings So unreasonable and unjust; and that no petition for that purpose may be granted—We would inform that at a town-meeting after a Considerable debate, the body of the people considering the meeting of no Validity withdrew; after which about Nine or ten Voted to send a petition to the general Assembly for the afore^d purpose of Establishing their proceedings,—

but we would Submit the Whole Matter to your Candour and Uprightness—

We humbly Request that your honours would give us directions for a Regular town-meeting that we may again Enjoy peace and good Order—

Dated at Newport this 5th day of June 1783—

Signers to the Above—

Abijah Windes	Benajan Church	Giles Kelcey
Bejamin Bragge	Samuel Church	William Haven
Reuben buel	Richard Goodwin	Elias Metcalf
Robert Lane	Aaron Buel	Jonathan Wakefield
Benjamin Miller	Phinehas Chapin	Nathan wardwell
Thomas Lane	John Lane	Jeremiah Jenks
Stephen Parry	Jesse Lane	Daniel Buel
Jonathan Comstock	John Megregory	Simon Buel
Gorden Buel	Daniel Chapin	Solomon Davis
Jeremiah Kelsey	James Church	

[Rev. John Remele was ordained Jan. 22, 1783, and dismissed Feb. 10, 1791.—ED.]

[8-81] [*Action relative to Paper Money, 1786.*]

State of New-Hampshire Cheshire County ss.

Newport Nov^r 20th 1786

Agreable to a requisition of the Hon^{bl} Assembly of said State bearing date Sept^r 14th 1786

The plan drawn by a Sub-Comm^t for Emitting Paper Money &c, being read in a Legal Meeting appointed for the purpose that the Inhabitants of said Town may shew their minds respecting the same, when for farther consideration after Choos-

ing a Comm^t to consider and make report the Meeting was Adjourned to the 4 day of Dec^r Met according to Adjournment, and

Voted Unanimously not to Accept the report above referr'd to, but reject the whole thereof, the Number of Voters N^o 96

The report of the Comm^t

But we are Humbly of opinion that if the Hon^{bl} Assembly in their great Wisdom should grant, that the Possessors of State Securities may draw out of the Treasury office if they see cause, Certificates equal to the Amount of their demand or any part of the same, and that said Certificates, shall be Accepted in the Treasury at all times for State Taxes it would be an Advantage to the Inhabitants of the State in general but we Humbly Submit to Y^r Superior Wisdom this and all other Matters belonging to the Legislature.

Benj ^a Giles	} Comm ^t
Joshua Warner	
Jessé Lane	
Jeremiah Jenks	
Ezra Pamley	

Voted that the report of the Comm^t be accepted and it was Voted Nem: Con:

the Number of Voters N^o 96

Certify P^r us—

Aaron Buel	} Select men for Newport
Samuel Church	
Jesse Lane	

[For action of the legislature, see Vol. XI, p. 130.—Ed.]

[R. 3-57] [*Concerning Service in the Revolution.*]

State of New Hampshire

The Hon^{ble} the Council and House of Representatives at Exeter
Conven'd April the 14th 1784,

Benjamin Giles in behalf and at the request of the Select-Men of the Town of Newport Humbly Sheweth

Your Petitioners ever since the opposition by the United States against Great Britain have willingly and readily complied with all the requisitions made by Government for Sol-

diers, and were at great Expence beyond their ability being an infant Town that Early in the year 1778, the Town had their Quota of Men Enlisted some for three years and some during the War. James Doud one of said Number was Enlisted during the War, as may appear by Lieut. Will^m Hutchins Certificate Exhibited herewith. when the Regiments were reduced, the Quota of Newport was four Men. We immediately upon the requisition hired three Men, and said Doud made the fourth, and we never knew nor had the least Suspicion of being deficient, untill an Extent came against the Town for our whole Quota upon which sending to the Comth on Claims, found said Doud turned over to the Town of Weare Altho the town of Newport was at considerable Cost to get said Doud Enlisted and paid him £50 beside, and as said Doud was Enlisted by Newport, and they never having any knowledge of Claim made by any other Town, Except as above recited, Your Petitioners Pray Y^r Hon^{rs} to grant such relief as you in your Wisdom Shall see Meet, and suffer not the poor Town of Newport to be oppressed, who comply'd with their duty and never had opportunity to make good their just and honest Claim

And as in Duty bound shall : &C

Benj Giles in behalf of the

Select-Men of Newport

[R. 3-58]

White Plains September 9th 1778

These may Certify all persons whome it may or shall Concern that I James Doud for and in Consideration of Fifty pounds to me in hand well and truly paid to me in hand by Constant Hart of Charlestown in Behalf of the town of Newport in the County of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire for Ingaging as a Soldier in the Continental army for said town of Newport—These are Therefore to Certify that I have Inlisted in Capt. Nathaniel Huchins Company in Colo. Cillies Regiment Newhampshire forces Dureing the war for the town of Newport as above said and will Indevour Faithfully to Serve as far as is in my Power untill Legally Discharged as witness my hand the day and date as above said

In presence of
Gilbert Caswell
Will^m Hodgkins

James Doud

[In H. of Rep., April 16, 1784, the town was credited for said Doud.—ED.]

NEWTON.

This town was granted Dec. 6, 1749, in answer to a petition from the inhabitants, and named New Town, the derivation of which is obvious. Capt. Joseph Bartlett was appointed by the governor and council to call the first meeting. Documents relative to the formation of the town may be found in Vol. IX. The southern boundary of the town as chartered was to begin at the south-west corner of South Hampton, on "the Curve Line that is the Northern Boundary of our Province of the Massachusetts Bay and bounding on the Said Curve Line & running on the same South West nine degrees West one mile then South 28° West (by said Curve Line) one mile to Haverhill Line at a Place called Brandy Brow."

The boundary line between this town and South Hampton was established by an act passed Jan. 4, 1772.

July 2, 1845, a tract of land was severed from East Kingstons and annexed to this town.

July 10, 1846, the name of the town was changed from Newtown to Newton.

[8-84] [*Thomas Walter Powers ordained, 1755.*]

To all Saints of every denomination even the whole Family of the faithfull & unto all in Civil Authority whom it may Concern wishing all Increase of Grace, and all Temporal good—

Know Ye that we the Subscribers elders of Several Churches of Christ in this Land of the Baptis denomination &c, upon the request & desire of Thomas Walter powers of New town in the Province of New Hampshire and a number of Saints with him in that place, & the neighb'ring towns have by our elders, & Messengers Examined their articles of Faith, & Church Constitution, as well as the Gifts, & Qualifications of the said Powers and finding their faith & principles sound & Aurthodox, & the said Powers endowed with gifts and Qualifications required for a Gospel minister we have after Seeking to Almighty God by prayer & as we apprehend obtained divine Light in the Case sit apart & ordained the said powers unto the Pastoral office in that place, & do receive that people with their Pastor into our Communion, & Fellowship, & have injoined to watch over them as members of the mystical body of Christ with our selves, & do declare them an Organnick Church in this Community believing that in whatsoever measure the said

Power hath been entangled with any error or with any erroneous Persons in any evil Conduct that the Lord hath Graciously delivered them from the same, & we hereby do recommend him to God, & the Power of his grace as a fellow Labourer in the Kingdom, & patience of Jesus Christ praying that he & we may be more & more delivered from all evil, and enabled to walk in the truth of the Gospel &c—

Given under our hands this 10th day of June AD 1755—

Stephⁿ Babcock pastor of the Chh of Christ in Stonington, & Westerly in Union

Tho^s Wells Pastor of the Church of Christ, in the Town of Westerly in Kings County & Colony of R Island

James Rogers pastor of the Church of Christ in South Kingstown in the County, and Colony aboves^d Peter Werden pastor of a Church of Christ in Warwick in the County of Kent & Colony aforesaid, Benjⁿ Peirce Pastor of a Church of Christ in Warwick in the County aforesaid—

A True Copy att^t H Wentworth Cl^r

Coppy Examind per Geo : Jaffrey Cl^r

[This was the first Baptist church established in New Hampshire.—ED.]

[8-82] [*Bounds of a Highway, 1747.*]

The Return of A Highway Persuent to a Petison to us Directed Signed by Gidien Bartlet and others to y^e Number of Twenty Wee Have Bounded a Highway as followeth viz beginning at y^e Countery Road leading from Sweets ferry to kingstown on the north west Side of a Farm laid out to Jarrett Hadden Said Way Being Bounded With a Stake and Stones on y^e South east Side ajasent to s^d Farm thence Runing North Easterly four Rods in wedth ajasent to s^d Farm till it Comes to a Stake and Stones Standing four Rods South weste of a White Pine which is y^e westerly bounds of a Farm laid out to George martin y^e s^d Pine being a bound on y^e north east of s^d Way and thence the said way Runs South easterly four Rods in Wedth ajasent to the Farm laid out to George Martin till it Comes to a White oak at y^e South Corner of y^e s^d martins Farm

Dated october y^e 29th 1747

Richard Collins } Select men for
Samuel Collins } South Hampton
District

A true Coppy taken of South Hampton District Book of Records

Attest Richard Collins Clerk for y^e District

[8-83] [*Relative to Road laid out, 1699.*]

To the Select men of Salsbury and almsbury District Namly m^r Samuel Collings Richard Collings and william Rowell the Petition of us the Subscribers humbly Sheweth that in the year 1698/9 a committee of the town of Almsbury layd out and Bounded a lot or farm to one Garret Hadden Being the 18th lot in number and S^d Committee then Bounded the S^d lot on three Sides on high ways that is northwest north East and South East and the S^d lot or farm have always Been under Stood to be So bounded and the S^d ways to Remain as a privelidg to the S^d lot or farm and your Petitioner Gideon Bartlett having Bought the north East part of S^d lot and Settled himself ajoyn- ing the way on that Side pleased himself that he Should have a way to pass and Repass in But So it is that henary Bagley and david Bagley haveing lands on the opposite Side of Sd way have presumed to joyn their fences to the fence of your Petitioner Gideon and their by for these Seven years last past De- prived your petitioner Gideon of that Privelidg of a way which he and all man kind ought to have wherefore your Petitioners pray that you will as soon as may be Proceed to bound out Peticuearly the ways on the northwest and north East Sides of Sd lot or farm that your petitioner Gideon may be in away to take eney further Regular Steps to have an open way to pas and Repass two and from his dwelling house and your Petition- ers as in duty Bound Shall ever Pray &c dated at Salsbury and almsbury district April the first 1747

Gideon Bartlett	Eliphelet hoyt	John martin
Joseph Bartlett	Jeames Paslee	Stephen martin
Daniel kelley	Peter Colby	Thomos davis
Thomos Beedle	Nathan Peaslee	Moses Sanders
David Paslee	Moses Carlton	amos davis
John Peaslee	John Paslee Juner	Moses Davis
Joseph Peaslee	Samuel Hadly	
moses Peaslee	Enoch Brown	

[8-86] [*Action of Town-Meeting relative to Highways, 1755.*]

monday November the 3^d 1755 the Inhabitants of Newtown being mett at the meeting House the meeting was opened and mr Moses Charlton was Chosen modrator of s^d meeting at the same meeting the foregoing Return was Red and it was put to vote to see whether the town would allow of and accept of the fore mentioned Highway and Return as now Red to them and voted in the affimative and the meeting was adjourned till tues-

day y^e Eighteenth day of november instant at one of the clock after noon at the meeting house in said town tuesday november the Eighteenth 1755 the Inhabitation of Newtown being mett upon adjournment at the meeting House at the same meeting Timothy Lankester Enters himself Contridicent to and decenting from the fore going vote at the same meeting it was voted to see if the town would Give up in Exchange to Capt Moses sargent & Capt stephen sargent that part of a Reserve of a High way Lying between their Land and charls sargents Land for the fore mentioned two Rod way through their Land and voted in the affirmative at the same meeting Gideon Bartlet Esqu^r and Joseph Bartlet and Gershom Bartlet Enter them selves contridicent to and decenting from the Last foregoing vote at the same meeting it was voted to see if the town would Give up in Exchange to Andrew Whittier and Timothy Whittier that part of a Reserve of a High way Lying Between their Land and charls sargents Land for satisfaction to them for the fore mentioned two Rod way through their Land and voted in the affirmative at the same meeting it was voted to see if the Town would give up in Exchange to Henry Bagley and Corn^l Jonathan Bagley & to Ens David Bagley two Rods in wedth of that High way that Lyeth Between their Land and Land of Gideon Bartlett Esquⁱ (that is two Rods in wedth on the north side of said way next to their Land from the white oak bound next to Samuel Jewells Land up to the white pine) for satisfaction to them for the fore mentioned two Rod high way through their Land and voted in the affirmative at the same meeting Gideon Bartlet Esquⁱ Joseph Bartlet & Gershom Bartlet and stephen Bartlet and Timothy Lankester Enter themselves Contridicent to and decenting from the Last foregoing vote at the same meeting it was voted to see if the town would Give up in Exchange to Charls Chase that part of a Reserve of a High way Lying Between his Land and Land of Samuells Jewell in Satisfaction to him for the fore mentioned two Rod High way through his Land and voted in the affirmative at the same meeting Gideon Bartlet Esquⁱ Joseph Bartlet and Gershom Bartlet & Stephen Bartlet Enter them selves Contridicent to and decenting from this Last foregoing vote

at the same meeting it was voted to give to Joseph Bartlet and Gershom Bartlet twenty pounds (old tener) for the fore-mentioned two Rod High way through their Land voted in the affirmative at the same meeting it was voted to allow and give to Timothy Lankester forty pounds (old tener) for the fore mentioned two Rod High way through his Land voted in the affirmative

a true copy taken out of Newtown Records as attest William Rowell town Clerk

[8-85]

[*Relative to Highways, 1755.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq^r Captain General & Governour in Chief in and over his Majesties Province of New Hampshire—and to the Honourable his Majesties Council and the Honourable House of Representatives for said Province in General Assembly Convened Decem^{br} 1755

The Petition of Joseph Peaslee William Rowell & Aaron Currier Selectmen of New Town in Said Province in Behalf of Said Province Humbly Sheweth—

That Some years past when Said Town was Cald & Accounted part of Amsbury the Said Town of Amsbury Granted & divided y^e Lands now Called New Town to & amongst a Number of their Proprietors & in laying out & dividing the same some Lands were left or Reserved for highways—and those Reserves were never Viewd & marked out Nor used for highways but were left between lots as their lines run through Low Sunken lands and Swamps where there is no Possability of having Good roads and the People of y^e town used to pass and repass upon upland More Convenient for highways. And the Town of New Town finding it Necessary have laid out Suitable & Convenient highways near as may be to ye other & in Such manner as that no mans Lott is Cutt off from a Convenient Public Road & have Ordered the Persons whose lands are taken up for highways to have Some part of y^e lands reserved as before Mentioned for highways in Recompeⁿce for their lands now taken which is to y^e General Content and Satisfaction of y^e Town & Neighbourhood & Injury to no Man but much more Commodious & Beneficial for y^e Public—

But So it is that Gideon Bartlet Esq^r Joseph Bartlet Gershom Bartlet all of Said Town who own lands Adjoyning to a Certain peace reserved as aforesaid for away where it is hardly capable of being made Good & where they themselves cannot be Proffited by it but rather hurt by it, Do unreasonably Oppose the Towns proceeding herein altho^w their lands are not thereby Cutt off from Some public open roads & high ways by what y^e Town has done yet great uneasiness & disturbance to the Town is Occasioned by their Opposeing y^e Towns proceeding as aforesaid and it is likely that more Troubles May arise thereby—wherefore to Prevent the Same—your Petitioners humbly pray—That Some Good & Suitable Persons understanding Such affairs May be appointed and Directed by this Hon^{ble} Court to repair to y^e place and View the Several highways & the lands reserved for high ways as aforesaid and report thereon to this Hon^{ble} Court as they shall find y^e Truth relating to y^e Premisses and that this Hon^{ble} Court will be pleased to Ratify

and Confirm what the Said Town of Newtown have done about
& Concerning the Same—& yo^r Petit^{rs} shall Pray &c

Joseph peaslee
William Rowell

[In H. of Rep., January 14, 1756, Joseph Smith and Thomas Westbrook Waldron were appointed a committee to "view the several highways and report." The senate added John Downing. Their report follows.—ED.]

[8-90]

[Report of the Committee.]

We the Subscribers a Committee appointed the fourteenth and fifteenth of Jany Last by both Houses on the Petition of the Select-men of Newtown to View the Highways Reserves &c^a—therein refer'd to have in consequence of Said appointment been at Said Newtown taken a View of Said Roads & Reserves Also heard what the Said Select-men (Gideon Bartlet Esq^r) & others mentioned in Said Petition had to offer on the affair & having considered of the Same together with the Papers relative thereto laid before us—

Do report as followeth viz—

That 'tis our opinion that it will be for the interest & convenience of the Inhabitants of Said Town that the prayer of Said Petition should be granted which is Submissively offered.
Portsm^o Feb 24 1756 By

John Downing	} Committee
Joseph Smith	
Tho ^s W ^k Waldron	

[The foregoing report was adopted by the legislature, Feb. 9, 1758.—ED.]

[8-87]

Petition for opening a Highway.]

Province of Newhampsher

Newtown Decr the 4th 1755 to mesurs Joseph Peasley william Rowel. and Aaron Currier Selectmen for Newtown in Sd province the Petisian of us the subscribers humbly sheweth that whereas there are divers highways or Reserves of land between the flarms or Lots of several persons within Sd Town: Left or reserved for the use of the inhabitants and others for travelling &c as a highway or reserve beginning at the Country road Leading from kingstown to Swets ferry so Cald at the South end of the Long Casway so Cald: and running easterly between the farm origenelly W^m Barns on the north and Land

now in the possession of David Peasley and Charles Sargent on the south till it Coms to a pine tree at the west Corner of the ffarm origenelly Georg martin now in possession of the Baglys and then Sd way runs S° easterly between the ffarms of the Sd martin on the N° east and the ffarm of Garret Hadden on the S° west till it Coms to another highway or reserve running N° east between the ffarms of Sd martin on the n° west and ffarms of walter tailer and

Gove on the S° east till it Coms to a white oak tree at the East Corner of Sd martins ffarm where the Sd way Coms nere South hampton line and meets with an other highway that leads N° easterly to an open road leeding to the trickling fals so Cald as also an other highway or reserve that runs from the highway between the farm of Sd martin on the n° west and the farms of walter Tailer and Gove on the S° east S° easterly between the ffarms of Sd gove on the n° East and the farm of walter tailer on the S° west till it Coms to an open road nigh the meeting house in Newtown above Sd all which ways or Reserves have for several years past been incumberd Shut up and Stopt to the grate dameag of the Pub-lick in general as well as your humble petitions in perticuler wherefore we humbly Request that you will as soon as may lay open and Clear all Sd ways or Reserves within Sd toun as above mentioned and youl oblige your humble Petitioners as in duty bound shall Ever Pray

micah Hoyt	Cuting feavour	Daniel Goodwin
John Eliet iur	Gideon Bartlet	Nathaniel Colby
Philip Challis	Joseph Bartlet	Abraham Kimball
Gideon Colby	Garshom Bartlet	jeams George
Jonathan kimball	Stephen Bartlet	
Zebulon ferren	John Elliot	

[8-88] [This document is a crude plan of the highway, with the names of residents on it. Commencing at the west end, at the "Contry Road," the names are John Challis, Joseph and Gershom Bartlett, Moses and Stephen Sargent, Widow Merrill, Charles Sargent, Timothy Whittier, Andrew Whittier, David Bagley, Jonathan Bagley, Henry Bagley, Samuel Jewell, Charles Chase, and Timothy Lancaster. At the east end is the "Meeting hous."—Ed.]

[8-89] [*Inhabitants consent to action of the Selectmen,*
1755.]

Newtown January 2—1755

We the subscribers here by shew our consent to and acceptance of what the select men of sd newtown have Lately done

in Respect of the new high way Lately Laid out and also our Consent to what the town has done in giving up in Exchange some reserves of high ways in satisfaction for said new way

Andrew Whittier	Jacob Rowell	Samuel jewel ju
david bagley	Thomas ^{his} X greenfield	Thomas Bedel
Zaccheus ^{his} X Colby	Timothy ^{mark} Whittier	John Peaslee
Nathan Peaslee	nathaniel ash	Moses Carleton
Caleb ^{his} X hobbs	Charles Sargent	Nathaniel Peaslee
James Peaslee	henry bagley	David Peaslee
Christopher Rowell	Reuben hoyt	Nathan Hoag
	Samuel Jewel	Enoch Brown
		Moses Peaslee

[8-91] [*Petition of several Baptists to be exempt from being taxed for the support of the Congregational Church.*]

March 28 1764 To the inhabitants of Newtown met at the annual Meeting we whose names are hereunto annexed do Request that you would Exempt us from being taxed for the Support of the Congregational minister in this town for as much as we have attended the worship of God and the preaching of the Gospel in the Baptist Society and Paid our part for the Support of the Gospel there for a number of years Even from before the time that any Congregational Minister was Settled in this town and are Still bound in concience to do the same

francis Chase	Timothy Whittier	Bennjamin Carter
Robert Stuart	Josiah fowler	Josiah fowler iuner
Andrew Whittier	John Carter	thomas Carter

at the annual Town meeting of the Town of Newtown Held at the meeting House march y^e 28 1764 this petition was Laid Before the Town and Considered of and voted to see if the Town would Grant the petitioners their Request and the vote past in the negative and the petition not granted

[8-92] [*Warrant for Town-Meeting, 1768.*]

Province of New Hampshire

To John Peaslee Jur Constable for New town—Greeting—

You are hereby Required to warn the Inhabitants of said town Qualified for voteing to meet at y^e Congregational meeting House in s^d Town on monday y^e 15: of august at 3 of y^e

Clock in the after noon then when met: 1ly to Chuse a moderator: 2ly to see if the Town will (Exclusive of frinds & y^e Church People) Pay the Cost which hath arose by Reason of the Babtis People being Rated to y^e Congregational minister: 3ly to See if the town will Joyn with y^e people which Live at y^e East of the town Belonging to South Hampton and with the people on y^e north west of the town Belong to kingstown and petition to y^e General Court to be Enext to Newtown: 4ly to See if the Town will agree to Devide the town: 5ly to See if the Town will approve of what the Select men have Done in Stakeing out to Charls Chase two Rods of the way by y^e Wd Jewell Land for a way across s^d Chases Land: fail not make due Return to us of this woran: with your doings at or before the Date above mentioned

Dated at Newtown agust y^e first 1768

Joseph Peaslee } Select men
Francis Chase } for Newtown

[*Proceedings at aforesaid Meeting.*]

Province of New Hamp^b

Persuant to a warrant from y^e Select men to me Derect I have warned y^e Inhabitants of newtown as within mention^d per me John Peaslee Jur Constable for Newtown Dated at new town august y^e 15 : 1768

Province of New Hampshr

at a Leagal meeting y^e Inhabitants of Newtown being met at y^e Congregational meeting House on monday y^e 15 : of august A D 1768 the meeting being opened Cap David Bagly be moderator at the Same meeting the town appointed a Committee to See if they Could agree to Devide the town and y^e meeting was adjourned to y^e 1 : of September y^e 1 : 1768 the Inhabitants of newtown being met according to adjournment Cap David Bagly being modrator at the same meeting the Committe Brought in their Report that they Could not agree at the Same meeting it was put to vote to petition to the General Court to Devide the Town and the vote pased in y^e affirmative Instantly Joseph Peaslee James Peaslee moses Peaslee Francis Chase Nathan Hoag John Peaslee Juner Entred their decents against the Last vote its not being according to the warrant

a true Coppy taken out of Newtown town Book of Records as attest—

William Rowell town Clerk

[8-93] [*Proceedings at Town-Meeting, 1769.*]

A meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Newtown Held at the Congregational meeting House in s^d Town on monday y^e 16th Day of october 1769 at the Same meeting voted that Captain William Rowell and Aaron Currier be a Committee to prefer a petition to the Great and General Court of s^d province in the name & Behalf of the Town Humbly to Request the said Court to Resolve and finely to Settle the affaire Respecting those persons in this town who Call themselves by the name of Baptis that it may be known: whether all those persons or any of them are by Law Exempted from paying toward the Support of the Congregational minister in this Town voted in the affirmative.

at the Same meeting voted that y^e said William Rowell & Aaron Currier be a Committee to prefer a petition to y^e said General Court in the name & Behalf of the Town for those persons who Live to the East of this Town (Belonging to South Hampton) who have a desire to Come to us that they may be annexed on to Newtown and the said Rowell and Currier are here by Impowered & Authorized to do the Same accordingly voted in the affirmative.

A true Coppey taken out of Newtown town Book of Records as attest—

William Rowell Town Clerk

[8-97] [*Trouble concerning a Town-Meeting, 1769.*]

[Petition of Moses Carleton and Gideon Bartlett, addressed to the General Assembly.]

The Petition of us the Subscribers for our Selves, and in behalf of the Major part of the Inhabitants of the Town of Newton in the s^d Province

Most Humbly Sheweth That at the Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the said Town on the 29th of March last for the Choice of Town officers, Matters were transacted by a Minor obstinate Party in such an Illegal Unjustifiable manner as was never heard of before in any Town in this Province, nor (perhaps) in any other on this Continent, to Convince Your Excy and Honors of the truth of which your Petitioners beg leave to relate (very briefly) the proceedings at the said Meeting—Vizt The Meeting was opened by the Constable M^r John Peasley Jun^r who nominated M^r Nathan Hoag for the Moderator who was Negatived, then the said Constable named, M^r Joseph

Peasley to be Moderator which also passed in the Negative It was then motioned and Seconded by numbers that the Constable should Nominate M^r Aaron Currier or Lieut Carleton, but he refused to do it and Nominated M^r Moses Peasley, who was also Negative, a number then again Insisted upon the said Carleton or Currier's being put up for Moderator but the Constable a Second time refused to Nominate either of them—That after some time the said Constable again Nominated the said Joseph Peasley who is his Father and declared him to be chosen Moderator without putting the Negative Vote—which proceeding caused such a Tumult and Confusion that the vote was not recorded, Then it was Insisted upon that the officers should be Chosen by written votes—that the Select Men then declared they did not care who was Chosen for Moderator provided they would Chuse the Select Men as follows vizt One Quaker One Baptist and One Congregationalist—but that if they did not Choose 'em in that manner they would purge the House—after which Esq^r Bartlett Nominated Lieut Carleton for Moderator and desired that those who were for him would draw to the fore door w^{ch} as they were doing the Constable again suddenly nominated the said Joseph Peasley and declared him chosen Moderator and he took his Seat accordingly altho' besides those within there was near 30 at the Door who held up their hands in the Negative and would have made a Majority had they been Counted but this was not permitted—Then the Select Men read the names of those who they said were qualified Voters—and said they would not allow of any others to vote—the People not contented with this rule put their votes into the Hatt, but those that were suspected not to vote as the Select Men would have 'em, had their votes thrown out of the hatt Thus the Meeting was purged of the Major part of the Qualified Voters in the Town while persons of little or no Substance but in the same side with the Select Men were by them declared Qualified Voters—whereupon the Major part of the Town greatly displeased at these violent Arbitrary proceedings left the Meeting, which was carried on but by few of the Inhabitants consisting Chiefly of Quakers & Schemers who if suffered to go on in such Tyrannical measures will entirely Subvert and Destroy the Peace and Quiet of the s^d Town

Your Petitioners therefore most humbly request that your Excellency and Honours would be pleased to make a Strict Enquiry into the proceedings at s^d Town Meeting, and if (as we doubt not but they will) they shall appear Illegal and Unjust, that you will as such set aside all the Votes and proceedings of the said Meeting, and Impower the Town to convene together for the Choice of their Town Officers for the Present Year and y^t you would be pleased to appoint some Indifferent Person for

a Moderator—And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray &c

Portsmouth April 3^d 1769—

Moses Carleton
Gideon Bartlett

[8-98] [*Committee appointed to Petition the Legislature.*]

We the Subscribers inhabitants of Newtown in the Province of Newhampshire Being Dissatisfied with the Proceedings of the Select men & Some Other of the inhabitants of s^d town at our Annual Meeting held March 29th 1769—Do Hereby Constitute & appoint Leut Moses Carleton & Gideon Bartlet as a Committee to make Aplication on our behalf to the General Court of s^d Province that we may have a redress of our Gre-vencies by Being Restored to former Prevelidges—

Newtown March 30th 1769—

David Elliot	Richard Bartlet	micah Hoyt
Benj ^a Hoyt	David Bagly	Thomas Greenfield
Stephen Bartlet	abraham Colby	Joseph Bartlet
Samuel Hoit	Ruban Hoyt	Timothy Favour
Nicholas Colby	Zacches Colby	Phinehas ash
Jacob Rowell	Ephriam Colby	Nathanel ash
John Currier	Timothy Gorge	Isaac Elliot
Thomas Gould	Jonathan Kimball	zebediah Hoyt
Joseph Elliot	Roger Esman	William Rowell
Thomas Elliot	Stephen Esman	Junur
Nathaniel Colby	Jonathon watson	John favour
Jonathan ferrin	Timothy Elliot	Daniel morss
aquiler ferrin	Thomas Colby	Noah Seargent
Daniel Colby	Thomas Colby Juner	Samuel Seargent
David Currier	David Goodwin	Philip Seargent
Aaron Currier	Samuel Goodwin	Barzella Colby
moses Currier	Gideon Bartlet	David Sargent
mathias Bartlet	Ellifelet Bartlet	Cutting favour

[8-96] [*Deposition of Benjamin Morse, relative to a Town-Meeting, 1769.*]

The Deposition of benjamin morss of amesbury of Lawfull age testifieth & saith that he was at y^e Anuel town meeting of the town of newtown in y^e province of Newhampshire march y^e 29th 1769 for the Choice of town officers & on oppening y^e meeting there was two Strong partues one partue was m^r Ames

hearers the other partue y^e Quakers & Churchmen & m^r hov-
eys herers & the Constable John peaslee who was on y^e Quak-
ers partue nominate Nathan hoag for a moderator for s^d meet-
ing he was nagatived by a majority of voters then Joseph peslee
was nagatived as a moderator and several others of that partue
wear nagatived as moderators & wear all nagatived by a ma-
jority of voters then I heard Some of mr ames partue desire y^e
Constable John peslee to put up Som of their partue namly
Leut moses Carlton for a moderator and others of that partue
he Refuse or neglects to do it & further y^e Deponant says he
heard Som of mr ames partue Desiere the house might vote
for a moderator Soon after I herd Esq^r bartlett Desire y^e people
who ware for having Leut moses Carlton to be moderator to
go out at y^e fore Door of y^e meeting house & on that I See y^e
people Rushing out of y^e Door hastily & before they wear all
out I turned my hed tords y^e Quakers & y^e other partue & See
their hands up which I thought was for a moderator on that I
heard a grate Storr abrod & See y^e peopl of mr ames partue
returning in to y^e meeting house apace & holding up their
hands as I Sposed against y^e other partue vote for a moder-
ator & I heard y^e Quakers partue Declare Joseph peaslee
moderator on that I Se Joseph peslee take y^e Seat as a mod-
erator & further I heard Sum of y^e Quakers partue ask mr
John peaslee who was a Quaker why he Did not vote amongst
them he Replied Like an onest man tho he was a Quaker &
on their partue he Replied to them he thought y^e meeting was
not Regular he would not vote till they ware more Reaguler
the Deponant further says he dont Remember he Ever Saw so
Ereguler meeting & further says not

Benjamin Morss

[Sworn to before Isaac Merrill of Amesbury, April 20, 1769..]

[8-99] [*Depositions relative to Illegal Proceedings in Town-
Meeting.*]

The Depossien of Enoch Chase & Ebenezer Sargent both of
Amesbury of Lawfull age Testify & say that they Being at y^e
Town meeting in Newtown in New hampshire on y^e Last
wednesday of march Last Being y^e 29 Day of s^d month & when
we first wint into y^e meeting house where y^e people ware gath-
ered together & they preposed two men for a moderator &
agreed to Devide y^e house & one part to moove out at y^e fore
Door & y^e other to goo out at y^e west Door and a great part of
y^e people who Belong to mr ames went out at y^e fore Door and
as soon as they ware out and a going out y^e other party Staying
in y^e meeting House some Body y^e s^d Sargent says it was John

peaslee son to Joseph peaslee put up Joseph peaslee for a modrator while y^e other party was out and going out of y^e meeting house and y^e party that was within Chose s^d peaslee moderator as they Declared Contrary to y^e Minds of y^e other party and s^d peaslee took y^e place of moderator and ordered y^e people to Bring in there voats for a Town Clark those who ware Qualified to vote for they had goot a List of who ware Qualified and as y^e people were Bringing in their votes mattheas Bartlet offere his vote and y^e modrator Drew Back his hat and Refused his vote and Several others who offered their vots and was Denied by y^e modrator and y^e s^d Sargent farth Sayeth that y^e modrator turned up his hat wherein y^e votes ware without asking whether they ware all in and Some of them Sayd that they had not put in their vote and perticuler Joseph Bartlet Esq^r and they further say that y^e modrator took out severall votes out of y^e hat Layd them on y^e table and after he had Counted them he said that Francis Chase was Chosen Town Clark and as he Lifted up his arm we saw severall votes which was unted his arm not Counted and further sayeth not

Dated april 15 : 1769

Enoch Chase
Ebenezer Sargent

[In H. of Rep., April 21, 1769, the proceedings of the aforesaid meeting were declared illegal and void ; and Meshch Weare was authorized to call a meeting and act as moderator of the same until the business was finished.—Ed.]

[8-100] [*Relative to Trouble between the Churches, 1770.*]

[Petition of William Rowell and Aaron Currier, addressed to the General Assembly.]

The humble Petition of William Rowell and Aaron Currier both of Newton in said Province as Agents for said Town Shews—

That a number of the Inhabitants of said Town have sepe-
rated from the Congregation of public Worship in said Town
as settled by Law of the Province and have gathered a sepe-
rate Assembly with the assistance of some Persons from other
places and built a Meeting-house calling themselves Baptists
and refuse to pay the Taxes made for the support of the Min-
ister of said Town pleading the exemption by the Province
Law—On which many Lawsuits have been prosecuted which
have had various issues and been very expensive—That the other

Inhabitants of said Town have offered to set them off or to consent to it that they might be a separte Parish or District and have no connection with the other part of said Town which they refuse and they joining with the Quakers make a Majority so controul the public Affairs of the Town that they are often put to difficulty to get a Vote for raising the Charges of their Minister's Support

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that the said Baptists may be set off entirely from said Town and have nothing to do with them or that they may by a Law for that purpose be rated according to their abilities to all charges as well to the support of the Minister as any other and the part they pay to the latter be given to them to support their own mode of Worship or grant such other relief to your Petitioners and their Constituents as in your great Wisdom and goodness you shall judge proper and they shall ever pray &c

William Rowell
Aaron Currier

[Petition of Phillips White, Abel Brown, and Moses French, addressed to the General Assembly.]

The Petition of us the Subscribers being a Committee chosen for the Town of South-Hampton most humbly sheweth

That the said Town of South Hampton suffer great Inconveniencies for want of a Line settled and established between the said Town of South Hampton and the Town of Newtown there being more than twenty persons in said South Hampton which claim to belong to Newtown part of whom might be as well accommodated by being joined to South Hampton and a number more of South Hampton that might be as well accommodated by being joined to Newtown. Your Petitioners therefore pray a Line may be settled between the said Towns in such a manner as not to enlarge the one at the expence of the other but to make both equal to what they now are and that a Committee may be appointed to enquire into the circumstances of the case and report such a Line as may effect the purposes aforesaid. And your Petitioners as they are in duty bound will every pray &c

Phillips White
Abel Brown
Moses French

[In H. of Rep., Jan. 3, 1771, the parties were heard on the foregoing, and a committee, consisting of "Daniel Peirce Esq. Capt. John Giddinge & Doctor Ebenezer Thompson" was appointed to "settle the line between the

said Towns in such place as shall appear to them proper." The following is their report:—Ed.]

Province of New Hampshire, April 24th 1771.

Pursuant to the within appointment the subscribers have viewed the Towns of South Hampton and Newtown and heard what each party thought fitt to offer on the subject matter of their dispute and after mature deliberation and consideration do agree to report that a line fixed in the manner hereafter described will be Equitable, and more satisfactory to both Towns than any other that can at present be established, and therefore beg leave to recommend to confirmation of the same which is as follows Viz. Beginning at the Province line at a place called and known by the name of Pond Brook thence westerly on the North side of the Highway that leads to Philip Curriers dwelling House until it comes to said Philip Curriers land thence Northerly on the line between said Philip Currier and Challis Curriers land to the Highway that leads towards said Challis Currier's House. Thence Northerly on the westerly side of said Highway until it comes to land belonging to Lieut. Thomas Tewksbury thence Southerly and westerly by said Tewksbury land and land of the said Challis Currier and land of the Widow Judith Currier until it comes to the Highway near Charles Collins House Thence Northeasterly on the East side of the Highway that leads to Bugsmore Hill (so called) until it comes opposite to the Northeasterly corner of Jonathan Kimballs Land thence across said road westerly between said Kimballs Land and land of the afores^d Lieut. Thomas Tewksbury and between said Kimballs land and land belonging to the heirs of Timothy Bagley Deceased until it comes to the road that leads to Aspen hill (so called) thence Northerly on the Easterly side of said road until it comes opposite to the Northeasterly corner of Aaron Curriers Land thence across said road and running Northwesterly by s^d Aaron Curriers Land until it comes to Kingston line.

The charge of the Committee to be paid Equally by the two Towns.

D. Peirce	}	Committee
John Giddinge		
Ebenezer Thompson		

[The foregoing report was adopted, and the line established by the legislature.—Ed.]

[8-102] [*Relative to the Assessment of Taxes, 1777.*]

Att a Leagall meeting held at Newtown at the Congrega-

tional meeting on the third Day of February y^e 1777 att the same meeting voted that the Select men Do Essess the inhabitants of said town agrable to that part of the Presept Reciv'd from Nicholas Gilman Esq^r tresuery to the velleu of Seventeen pounds five Shillings as Demanded by s^d Presept 2ly voted that the twelve pounds mentioned in said presept under the prentence of its Being a Debt Deu from this town to a former Congress in our oppinion is unjustly Charged against said town therefore: 3ly voted that the Select men of said town are hear-by forbid assasing the inhabitants of said town for the s^d twelve pounds or any part of the same and that the inhabitants of this Town will vindecate and bare harmless the Select men of said town in their obedience to these orders—

The above votes being Severill times Red and after Metuer Deleberation ware put and they past in y^e affarmative by a Grate mejority at y^e same meeting y^e town voted that the Select men should aquant Nicholas Gilman Esq^r Tresuery the proceedings of the above Resolves—

A True Coppey Samuel Hoit Town Clerk

[The twelve pounds was for the payment of services of Joseph Bartlett, as representative, whose right to a seat the town had contested. They succeeded in unseating him. See following :—Ed.]

[8-105]

To the hon^{ble} the House of Representatives for the State of New-Hampshire now sitting at Exeter Humbly Shew—

The Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Newton in said State, that at a late meeting held in said Town, for the Choice of a Person to represent said Town and Southhampton, in the General Assembly of said State the ensuing Year—One Stephen Bartlett was by a very small Majority, of the small number of Voters present, chosen to said Important Trust and has taken his seat accordingly; That for many Reasons we esteem him unqualified for that Place—more especially because he is not possessed of an Estate of the Value of two Hundred Pounds Lawful Money, as we understand each Member of said House should be—Wherefore we pray that his Seat in said house may be declared Vacant and that a Warrant may issue to said Towns, for a new Choice and as bound shall pray &c

Newton December the 19th 1776

Moses Carleton
Mathias Bartlet
thomas Carleton
matthias heath

Richard Bartlet
Ephraim Carter
John Elliot
Sargent Heath

[R. 3-59]

[*Soldier's Order, 1784.*]

Newtown December the 14, 1784

To the Paymaster of the New Hampshire Six months men in 1781.

Sir, Please to pay Jn^o Nicholls or order all that is due to me I having been a Six months man for the Town of Newton in in year 1781. Value Received Witness my hand

Attest

Lucy Blake
Dolly Harriman

thomas ^{his} X Colby
mark

NORTHFIELD.

The township was set off from Canterbury, June 19, 1780, and incorporated by its present name probably because it comprised the north part of said town. This was done in answer to a petition from the inhabitants (see Vol. XI, p. 270), and in accordance with a vote of the town of Canterbury, passed March 18, 1779, which vote also provided that "Cap^t Josiah Miles, David Foster, Cap^t Edward Blanchard & En^{sn} Archelaus Miles be a committee to run a Line of division." The inhabitants met July 17, 1780, and elected their first town officers. Settlements were made here in 1760 by the Blanchards and others, and the town contained 349 inhabitants in 1786.

A portion of this town was severed by an act approved Dec. 24, 1828, combined with portions of Salisbury, Andover, and Sanbornton, and incorporated into the town of Franklin; but the same territory was reannexed to Northfield by an act approved July 3, 1830. The same territory was again severed from Northfield and annexed to Franklin, June 26, 1858.

June 27, 1861, lands of Samuel Heath and Edward Leighton were severed from this town and annexed to Franklin.

[8-106] [*Relative to first Town-Meeting, 1780.*]

Agreeable to the Order of the Hon^{ble} the General Assembly I Notified a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Northfield on the seventeenth of July last past when they met & chose Town Officers as the Law directs.

Portsmouth Oct^r 30th 1780

Abiel Foster

[R. 3-60] [*Petition of Thomas Lyford, Soldier.*]

To the Honb^l Council and house of Representatives Now Sitting at Concord—

The Petition of Lieut Thomas Lyford of Northfield Humbly Sheweth that your memorialist early entered into the service of this State in the year 1775—and by order afterwards in the year 1777 was appointed Lieut in Major Whitcombs Core of Rangers and served in the same untill January 1781 when General Washington ordered the officers of said Core should Retire on half pay for life that your memorialist was ordered by said Whitcomb to march said Whitcombs men to head Quarters whereupon the Soldiers were mutinous and would not march when ordered thereto and your memorialist proceeded to head Quarters from Haverhill to the North river and mad report of the Same to Gen^l Heath the commanding officer then at west point. * * * *

Thomas Lyford Lvt

Concord June the 21st 1782.

[R. 3-61]

[*Soldiers' Orders.*]

Northfield Jany 6th 1785

To the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire

Sir Please to pay ——— Gilman or his order all that is due to me I having been a Soldier in the 1st New Hampshire Regiment.

Value Rec^d Witness my hand

Attest John Nichols

William ^{his} X Rhines
mark

[R. 3-62]

Northfield December 12, 1785

To John T. Gilman Esq Treasurer for the State of New Hampshire

Sir Please to pay Colo Ebenezer Webster all the wages and Bounty Due to me for serving six months in the army under said Webster for the State of New Hampshire.

as witness my hand

£ 10. 7.

Edward Diah

[R. 3-63]

Northfield August 5th 1792

M^r Treasurer Sir please to pay Joshua Pickering or bearer

whatever wages and Rations which may be do to me for my
Cervice in the New Hampshire Line it being value Received

Witness my hand

Edward ^{his} X Smith
mark

W Benjamin Kimball
William Stevens
Benning Pickering

[8-107] [Relative to Civil Magistrate, 1785.]

march 7 y^e 1785 Northfield

it is our Desire whos name are under writing that thomos Gil-
man Asq^r should Be continued as a Just of the peace

Jonathan wodly	william kenston	William Gliens
James Shapord	Stephen Haines	John Cross
Joseph Call	Nath ^l Dearborn	thomas Cross

[8-110]

Northfield March the 2 1785 it tis our minds that Esq glman
shall Be continued as Justes of the peas—

William witcher	Thomas Lyford	John Forest
Nathael Perkins	ffield liford	Jacob Heath
John Perkins	Jonathan Witcher	Jeremiah McDaniel
Robart purkines	Jonathan Leavitt	Ezekiel Clough
Aaron stevens	Wadligh Leavitt	Thomas Clough
jonathan Sanborn	Arch ^s Miles	Jese Cross
Reuben Witcher	John Simons	James Simons
James Muchmore	william Dyer	James Sherburn
Jonathan Gilman	Richard Blanchard	Daniel Randel
Samuel T. Gilman	william williams	James L. Perkins
Nathaniel witcher	William frest	Aaron Stevens Juner
Abraham dearborn	Gideon Leavitt	jonathan Sherburn

[8-108] [Relative to a Ferry, 1785.]

To the Honourable the Senate & house of Representatives of
the State of Newhampshire Now Setting at Concord we the
Subscribers Inhabatents of the Parrish of Northfield & the
Neighbouring Towns have for many years Labourd under many
Inconveniances for Want of Som Person to keep a ferry a Cross
Merrimack River Between Northfield & Salsbury & now un-
derstanding that Rob^t wise has Petitioned your Honours for a
grant of a ferry acros S^d River for three miles half up & half

doon we Pray that he may have it where he has Petetiond for
& your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray

Northfield Oct^r 24^d 1785

James Hersey	Mathew Thomson	Moses Tomson
John Samborn	John Sanborn 3 ^d	James Asgood
Jeremiah Sanborn J ^r	Nath ^l Tilton	Jacob Tomson
Jacob Tilton	Jacob garland	Jonathan Cate
Lewis Haines	Nath ^l Chandler	Simeon Cate
Samuel Hunt	Josiah Miles	Jotham Sawyer
Stephen Gale	Elijah True	Jonathan Sanborn
Dan ^l Sanborn	Joseph Burley	John Thorn
Philip Hunt Jun ^r	Nathiel Burley	John Clark
Tho ^s Critchet	william Burley	Joseph Clark
Jon ^s H. Sanborn	Nethenel Burley	Jeremiah Samborn
James Cate	inur	John Samborn Jur
Dan ^l Sanborn J ^r	Benjamin Robinson	James Shepard
James Sanborn	J ^r	

[8-109] [*Petition for a Ferry, 1785.*]

To the Honorable the Saneat and Representatives of the State
of New Hampshire Now Seting at Concord

we the Subscribers inhabitants of the Parrish of Northfield
have for maney years Labourd under maney inconveniences
for want of Sum Parson to keep a ferry across merrimack River
Between this Place and Salisbury and Now understanding that
Robart wise has Pettion^d your Honors for a grant of a ferry a
cross Said River Pray that he may have it whire Pettioned for
and your Pettioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

Northfield october 23-1785

Samuel T Gilman	Jonathan Darborn	James muchemore
James Blanchard	William Dyer	thomas Gilman
William ad Perkins	Nathaniel Cross	Aaron Stephens Jur
Robert Curry	James Cross	Jonathan Sanborn
David Blanchard	John Cross	James forest
Nathaniel witcher	Jacob Heath	willam keniston
John Parkins	Jonathan Wadleigh	Jonathan thomson
—— Danford	Abraham Dearborn	willam gibson
Benaiah Sanborn	William Williams	william thomson
Reuben Witcher	Benjamin Glins	Daniel darling
Robert Parkines	James Simons	Elisha Cate
Jonathan Gilman	Wm Glines	John Morrison
William witcher	Willim kinston	Jeremiah tilton
—— Danford	William forest	Ebenezer Darling

Frases Sanborn	Jeremiah m ^d daniel	John Perkins
Nathaniel Perkines	Jonathan Kineston	Simeon Robinson
Joseph Hancock	Nathaniel Brown	Stephen Haines
Sanborn Sanborn	John kineston	Robert Foss
Nathaniel Darborn	Jonathan Leavit	Moses Foss
John Cross Jur	Richard Blanchard	Reuben miles
Ezekiel Clough	Aaron Stevens	Jacob blanc ^d
fifield Liford	Franes Durgin	Thomas Lyford
Beniaman Blancherd	Edward Chase	

[8-111] [*Petition of the Inhabitants for a Magistrate: addressed to the President and Council.*]

Northfield Sep^r 8th 1786

whereas Thomas Gilmon Esq^r is about moving from this Parish & we Shall be Destitute of a Majetrate we Pray that Archelus Miles of this Perish May be Put in as a Justice of y^e Peace for sd Northfield and we as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray

Thomas Cross	William Glines	Andrew french
Jesse Cross	William Rines his X	jonathan gile
nathan Cross	mark	Richard Blanchard
John Cross	Gideon Sawyer	David Dolor
James Shepard	Henery Danford	William Dyer
Nathan Colby	James Blanchard	Aaron Stephens
Joseph hancock	Jonathan Wodligh	junr
Georg hancock	Jonathan Leavitt	Richerd Gliens
John kinston	George Jones	moses Danford
David kinston	Elisha French	Daniel kandale
Aron Stephens	John Simons	Thomas foos
John Dearbon	William Glines	Thomas SherBon
Jonathan Dearbon	William Wiliams	john welch
Nathanael Dearbon	Wiliam forest	

[8-112] [*Petition of the Inhabitants for a Magistrate: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1787.*]

Humbly shews—the Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Northfield in said State, that the said Town is destitute of Justice of the Peace, and that it is a considerable distance to the nearest Justice in any Neighbouring Town: They therefore, Pray Your Excellency & Hon^{rs} that some suitable person may be appointed to that Office, and they beg leave, with submission to recommed Archelaus Miles as a per-

son Agreeable to their wish—And as in duty bound will ever pray

samuel th . gilmon	Richerd Ellison	Gideon Sawyer
Abraham dwyer	David Dollof	Jotham sawyer
James Simons	Richd Smith	moses Danforth
william ad Perkins	hanery Danford	Edmund Shepard
Joseph Hancocke	John Roen	James fores
Gideon Leavitt	william hancock	Samuel Davis
Aaron Stephens	Ezekial Davis	thomas foss
Aaron Stephens	Nathan Colby	Benjemin Collins
Junr	George hancock	William Williams
Jonathan gile	Shubel Dearborn	William Glines
James Shepard	Juner	William Rines
Joseph ash	Nathanieal Dearbon	william glines Juner
Daniel Randel	John Dearbon	Benjamin Welch
John welch	Ezekiel Heath	Nathaniel Brown
thomas foss Juner	Nathaniel Perkins	Morrill Shepard
Job forest	James L Perkins	Bill Clement
James Gilson	William Glines	Elisha French
Jonathan Leavitt	George Jones	andrew frenche
Joseph Leavitt	John Simons	Jonathan Keneston
thomas Clough	Jonathan wadleigh	
Junr	John Cochran	

[8-113] [*Petition of Inhabitants for a Magistrate: addressed to the Governor and Council.*]

We the Subscribers, Inhabitants of the Parish of Northfield, County of Rockingham, and State afores^d do humbly Petition, and pray that Lieu^t Charles Gliddin of s^d Parish, shou^d be Appointed as a Justice of the Peace for s^d Parish; being fully convinced, he is a Suitable man for that office, and as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

Northfield April 26th 1887—

Elisher french	eben Blanchard	Jonathan Leavitt
Richer Blanchard	Reuben Blanchard	Juner
Jacob Blanchard	Nathaniel witcher	Richard glines
John Perkins	John Cross	Daniel Randel
Will ^m H: Bowles	Iseck boen	William forest
Geo: Jones	Jemes gibson	James L Perkins
Edward S Dyer	John Wellch	Rich ^d Smith
hanary danford	James Sherburn	Richrd Ellison
Benjamin Welch	Willam Rines	Nathaniel Perkins
Jonathan Wodleigh	willam glinds	Benjamin Glines

William Turrell	william glinds Jur	Shubel Dearbon
Joseph Man	Nathanieal Dearbon	Juner
James forest	Shubel dearbon	John Dearborn
William witcher	Jonathan DearBon	Jonathon Kinestone
William Samborn	Abraham Dearbon	thomas foss
Joseph Leavitt Junr	Jonathan gile	Jonathan Witcher
Edmund Spezar	Isaac Tracy	Thomas Clough
Levi Morrill	Jonath ⁿ Welsh	Saul french
Reuben Whitcher	Wadleigh Leavitt	William Adams Per-
Robert Curry	Jonathan Sanborn	kins
Edward Blanchard	Joseph Ellison	John forrest
Benjamin blanchard		

NORTH HAMPTON.

The township was formerly a part of Hampton, from which it was separated for parochial purposes, November 17, 1738, and went by the name of North Hill Parish until November 26, 1742, when it was incorporated with full town privileges by its present name, the derivation of which is obvious. Documents relative to the parish may be found in Vol. XII, pp. 117-122.

A dispute concerning the line between this town and Rye was settled by the adoption of a report of James Hill of New Market, Jeremiah Batchelder of Kensington, and Joshua Weeks of Greenland, a committee appointed by the legislature to run the same. Their report, dated January 17, 1793, may be found in manuscript charter records, Vol. 4, page 257, in office of secretary of state. Said report was to be final and conclusive.

Little Boar's Head, situated in this town on the Atlantic coast, is a pleasant summer resort, and is visited by those who desire to enjoy the cool and invigorating sea air quietly in preference to the more populous places.

[8-116] [*Petition of Inhabitants for a Divisional Line: addressed to the General Assembly, 1742.*]

The Petition of Sundry Persons who live in the Northerly part of Hampton in Said Province whose names are hereunto annexed most humbly sheweth, That sometime since the General Court of this Province by an act made and erected a Parish

in the northerly part of Hampton afores^d by Polling off sundry Persons and their Estates but not by any metes & bounds That there are sundry others who live convenient to attend the publick worship of God at the meeting house in said Parish, who are desirous so to do, That the old Parish of Hampton is an able and large parish and can without being burdened Spare sundry persons and their estates to another Parish—wherefore your Petitioners pray your Excellency and Honours to take this Petition under Consideration and in your great wisdom and Goodness to ratify establish and Confirm the said Parish in the Northerly part of said Hampton by a divisional line between the old Parish of Hampton afores^d and the said Northerly Parish whereabouts your Excellency and Honours shall see meet and proper or to Cause that the Ministers of the said Two Parishes be paid By one Rate or otherways as may be Judged Just and equall and your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

June the 7th 1742

we the Subscribers of the north part of Hampton desire to put in to this Honorable General Cort to see If they will grant us a Line between the parishes in Hampton or order to maintain the two ministers together or any other way by there Consideration

John Derborn	Joshua Winget	Abner Fogg
Samuel derbon	Timothy Dalton	Sam ^{el} bachelder
Thomas marston	henrey ^{his m} X Darbon	hanrey bachelder
John Wedgwood	Benjamin Marston	James Godfree
Job chapman	Sen	Jacob liford
Daniel samborn	John Marston	William godfree
Jonathan marston	Joshua brown	Bngman Hobs
Simon Dearborn	Jonathan thomas	John godfree
John leavitt	David Jewell	Stven bchalder Junr
daniel marston	Jerimiah darbon	Ebnezer Samborn
Benjamin marston	Stephen Batchelder	John phelbreck
wintrop marston		John godfree

[*Action of the Legislature on the foregoing.*]

In the House of Representatives 9th 24th 1742

The within Petition & others relating thereto Read & the Parties heard and the House having considered thereof, voted: That there be a line Setled, viz^t to beging at a Great Rock in the High way that Leads from Portsmouth to Hampton over North Hill between y^e dwelling Houses of Caleb Marston & Joseph Tole Jun^r and is the first Great Rock in y^e High way

to the Southward of the Widow Levits dwelling House & from Said Rock to run on a Strait Line to the Sea at the mouth of the Little River where it now Empties itSelf into the Sea. And then to begin at the Great Rock aforesaid & then to run on a Straight Line to the Corner Bounds Between Stretham & Exeter at Hampton Line And That the Estates in the old parish y^t belongs to the Poles in the new parish Shall pay Rates to the north parish & the Estates belonging to y^e Poles in the old parish that lies in the north parish Shall pay Rates to y^e old parish and whereon the owner of the land Lives there he & his Estate Shall pay Rates, Notwithstanding y^e Line Setled. & if any Strangers purchase land in Either parish, he Shall pay where the Land Lies: & Its always intended that Every person in Each parish pay his Proportion of the Grant to M^{rs} Dorothy Gookin as usual:

and that the Rates for the present yeare be paid as they are already made & that the Petitioners have liberty to Bring in a Bill accordingly

And y^t y^e Select men of Each parish Joyn in y^e makeing y^e Province Taxes. as also y^t both parishes Joyn in Choice of Representative until further order—

James Jeffry Cle^r ass^m

Provr N Hamp^r Nov: 25th 1742

In Council read & Concurrd

Theod^r Atkinson Sec^{ry}

Eodem Die Assented to

B Wentworth

[8-117] [*Petition of Inhabitants relative to Church Affairs: addressed to the General Assembly September 14, 1742.*]

The Humble Pitition of us the Subscribers Most Humbly Sheweth that the houses and habitations of your Pititioners are in the northly Part of the town of Hampton and where as Several of our Neighbours were Some years ago Poled of from the town to the Support of a gospell minester at North hill and now Several others Joining with them they are Pititioning for a line which If granted will Probably take the houses and habitations of your Pititioners in with them and so Contrery to our Inclinations we shall be forced of from the Minestrey the Church and Congregation in the old town and (with out the aid of your Excellency and Honours) Shall be Compelled to Pay to the Support of the minestrey at north hill If your Excellency and Honours Should in your Grate wisdom Sec meet to Grant them their Pitition and give them a line we Humbly and Earnestly Pray your Excellency and Honours that your Pititioners and

their Estates may be Exampted from Paying to the Support of the Minestrey at north hill and that we may still remain under and be taxed to the Support of the Minestrey and the other Publick Chargs of the town as we used to be and your Pititioners as in Dutey bound Shall Ever Pray

John Smith	Joseph knowles	franis Page
william Moulton	Daniel fogg	William Moulton
Simon knowles	Samuel Fogg	Benj: Lampre
Richard tayler	Thomas Robie	Jona ^m Knowles
Abraham Drake	Zachariah towl	Benj ⁿ Johnson
moris hobbess	Ruben darben	Jonathan Palmer
Josiah hobbess	Thomes darben	Joseph Page
John Shaw	Samuel darben	Joseph Moulton
Bengman Smith	Bennony fullor	Benj Johnson
William palmer	nathanil moreton	James Thomas
John Smith Jun	Samuel Bachildor	
John tayler	Jun	

[8-118] [*Petition of Jonathan Palmer and Daniel Fogg: addressed to the General Assembly, 1744.*]

The Petetion of us His Majestys Subjects Inhabetants of the North Parish in Hampton within Said Province

Humbly Shueath

That we Labure under Grate Difelicte our houses Standing jst upon the Line & our Land being Devided y^e one part in Rye & the other in the North Parish in hampton there being no way Nearer then about four miles to Get to the meeting house in y^e north Parish & Living with in about two miles of Rye meeting house the Place where we Generly Go to Devine worshep & most Convenent for Sending our Children to Scol

May it Please your Exc^l and The Honourable Council & house of Representatives your Pititioners Humbly Pray that we and our Estats where we Live may be Set of to Rye and your Petitoners Shall Ever Pray as in Duty bound

Jonathan Palmer
Daniel Fogg

[In H. of Rep., Aug. 23, 1744, "Voted that the petition be Dismist for so long time as the opposers to the petition shall keep an open and passable way in such place as has been directed by Col. Wingate, to North Hill meeting House, to and from the Petitioners Dwelling Houses."—ED.]

[8-119] [*Petition of Inhabitants for a Grant of Land: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1750.*]

the Humble Petition of us the subscribers Most Humbly Sheweth—that where as a Considerable number of the Inhabitants of the town of Hampton Did signe their names in a Pition to his Excellency and the Council about eight years since Praying that they might have land Granted to them for one or two townships on some Part of Pemigawasset River

which Pition is not as yet Granted and where as a Grate Part of said Pitioners never had any land Granted to them by the Government—the town of Hampton in General have had but a Very small Matter of lands Granted to them by the government to what other towns have had—we Humbly Pray that the said Pition may be Granted according to the Prayer of it and If the land Cannot be had where it was asked for—we Pray that it May be granted as near to us as Possable near the southern boundrey of the Province—as your Excellency and Honours In your Grate wisdom shall See meet and your Pitioners as in Duty bound shall Ever Pray

Dated at Hampton January y^e 22nd 1749/50

Samuel Palmer Junr
Jeremiah Moulton
Josiah Moulton sener
Ephraim Marston
William Moulton
Benjamin Dow
Jonathan Tuck
Gershom Griffith

[8-120] [*Petition for Land Grant: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1749.*]

The Petition of Daniel Marston & John Leavit of North Hampton in said Province Humbly Sheweth That your Pitioners together with their Associates to such Number as your Excellency & Hon^{rs} shall please to appoint are desirous & willing to cultivate & improve & render profitable to our Selves & Posterity some of the wast Lands of His Said majesties Said Province as well as to increase the Number of the Setlers & Subjects of Said Province &c—

We therefore Humbly pray your Excellency & Honours would be pleased to grant to us & our Associates as aforesaid a Township (of such Dimensions & under such Restrictions &

Limitations together with Such Priviledges & Advantages as you grant to other of his majestie's good Subjects of S^d Province)—Bounding & lying upon Connecticut River & the Boundary Line between New-Hampshire aforesaid & the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay or as near that spot as your Excellency & Honours in your great Wisdom shall think it may conveniently be done

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

22^d Jan^r 1749,

Dan^l Marston

John Leavit

[*List of Associates.*]

Simon Nudd	Nath ^l Mason	Benjamin Marston
Simon Marston Junr	Benj ^a Thomas	Benjamin Johnson
Abner Fogg Junr	Daniel Samborn	Benjamin Hobbs
Bengman Leavitt	Sam ^l Marston	Samewell Shaw
Jonathan Moulton	Zachariah towl	John Johnson
Joshwe Wengate	Jonathan Wedge-	John godfree
Jun ^r	wood	Abraham Tilton
D. Peirce	Abner Fogg	Wintrop marston
Nath ^l Sargent Esq.	Edward Shaw	Willam moulton
Sam ^l Marston Jun ^r	Eben: Samborn	John marston
Thos. Leavit	Timothy Dalton	Joshua Brown
Dan ^l Marston	Joseph knowles	thomas marston
John Leavit	hanrey Batchelder	Joshua Brown Jur
Thomas Bell Esq.	Abraham Drake	David marston
Joseph Towl	Jonathan Marston	Stven Brown

[8-122] [*Petition relative to election of Representative: addressed to the House of Representatives, 1758.*]

We Your most Humble Petitioners the Select Men of the Parish of North Hampton for the present Year not having been notified to joyn with The Town of Hampton in the late Choice of Representitives which priviledge was Granted to this Parish by his Excellency the Governor and Honorab^{le} the Counsel and house of Representitives Therefore humbly conceive the said Meeting was illegal and that those Members then chosen in the Town of Hampton have no right to set as Members and pray they may not be Accepted And that there may be a new Choice

And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Novemb^r 28th 1758

Reuben Dearborn } Select Men
John Leavitt } for North
Levi Dearborn } Hampton

[Petition dismissed.—Ed.]

[8-123] [*Petition relative to Election of Representative: addressed to the General Assembly, 1758.*]

We Your Humb^{le} Petitioners being Granted off into a Separate Parish (by the Name of North Hampton) from the Town of Hampton with all Parish Priviledges excepting in Chusing of Representatives in which Choice we are to Joyn with the Town but in as much as there are Sundery differences between the Town of Hampton and North Hampton we are debar^d from the priviledge of joyning with the Town of Hampton in their Choice they being superiour to North Hampton in number of Voters and no order of Court (as in Rye & New Castle) wheither they shall be one or both in one place neither have we the Parish of North Hampton any Notification or Precept when or where to joyn with them the Town of Hampton in the Choice of Representatives and forasmuch as we the parish of North Hampton Pay a large Province Rate of Six or Seven Hundred Pounds new Tenor per Annum and have no one to Represent us in the General Assembly Therefore humbly pray we may have a Precept for Chusing one Representative separate from the Town of Hampton to Represent us in the General Assembly—And Your most Humb^{le} Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray—

North Hampton Novemb^r 28th 1758

Eben^r Samborn } Agents for said
Levi Dearborn } North Hampton

[8-124] [*Petition of Levi Dearborn, Joseph Hobbs, and Ebenezer Neal: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers as a Committee of the Parish of North Hampton in behalf of the Inhabitants thereof humbly sheweth, That in the year 1742 the said Parish was by an Act of the General Assembly of the then Province set off from the Town of Hampton at the Northerly part thereof, by the Name of North Hampton bounded as by the said Act will appear—And vested with all the Privileges & Immunities of other Parishes—With this exception, that all such estates as lay in the old Parish, which belonged unto and were owned by persons living in the North Parish should be rated to the North Parish, and such Estates as lay in the North Parish which belonged unto and owned by persons living in the old Parish, should be rated to the old Parish, and that on which side soever of said line any person should live in Hampton, there he, and his estate on both sides of said Line should be rated, but if any Stranger shold purchase land in either of said parishes such stranger

should be rated for such land where it lay said Committee farther show that since the said Parish of North Hampton has been established as aforesaid many Inhabitants of Hampton have purchased considerable quantities of Land lying in said North Hampton the former Owners of which land paid Taxes for the same to said Parish of North Hampton, but the present Owners thereof being Inhabitants of Said Hampton refuse to pay taxes therefor to the said Parish of North Hampton conceiving themselves exempted therefrom by said Act which conception Your Petitioners apprehend is foreign to the Spirit of said Act, And as the paying taxes for such lands out of the Parish where they lie is very inconvenient and tend to create Disputes and may in time by frequent transfers thereof to persons living in Hampton aforesaid according to their conception of said Act totally deprive the Inhabitants of said North Hampton of the means of paying their parochial taxes. Wherefore Your Petitioners humbly pray that all the ratiabale Estate lying and being within North Hampton aforesaid may be subject to the payment of Taxes there And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray &c—

North Hampton March 16th 1779

Levi Dearborn	} Committee for North Hampton
Joseph Hobbs	
Eben ^{er} Neal	

[8-125] [*Petition relative to Election of Representative:
addressed to the General Court, 1783.*]

The Petition of a Majority of the Legal Voters in the Town of North Hampton in the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid Humbly Shows That the said Town is incorporated with all the Powers Priviledges and Franchises that other Towns in this state hold and enjoy That ever since the present Government they have been priviledged with a representative to the General Court—That the New Constitution or form of Government for this State provides that every Town Parish or place intitled to town Priviledges haveing one Hundred and fifty rateable Polls of twenty one years and upward may Elect one Representative and that such Towns Parishes or Places as have less then one Hundred and fifty Rateable Polls shall be Classed by the General Assembly for the Purpose of Chuseing a representative and that when any Town Parish or Place intitled to Town Priviledges as aforesaid and having less than one Hundred and fifty rateable Polls and be so situated as to render the Classing very inconvenient the General Assembly

may upon Application of a Majority of the Voters in such Town Parish or Place issue a Writ for their Electing and Sending a Representative to the General Court. That Your Petitioners humbly conceive that they fall within the Last Discription not being one Hundred and fifty rateable Polls and being so situated as not to admit of being Classed without Great inconvenience That Your Petitioners are Clearly of Opinion that the Present Legislature have every Power and Authority necessary for introducing the new Constitution or form of Government.

Wherefore they Pray that in the new Arrangement for the next Essembly a Precept may issue to the Towh of North Hampton for Electing and Sending a Representative under such regulations as other Towns and Destrects in this State And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever Pray—
North Hampton December 1783—

Ebenr Samborn	Joseph Molton	thomas Lovrin
Levi Dearborn	John wedgwood	John Winket
Benjamin Leavitt	Josiah wedgwood	John Lovering
James wedgwood	Stephen page	Reuben gove Dear-
Thomas Samborn	Jonathan Page	born Ju
Benjamin Page	Simon Page	thomas marston
thomas Leavitt	Josiah Neal	Beniamin marston
John Robey	Walter Neal	Joseph Palmer
John Robey Junr	Abraham Drack	Benjamin Mason
Sam ^l Jenness	Jonathan Drack	Ebnezer Neal
Phinehas Dearborn	Nathaniel Drack	Abner fogg
Levi marston	Simon Levitt	Abner fogg Jun ^r
thomas haines	Samuel Robey	Simon Lamper
David Page Juner	John Dearborn	Ruben Dearbon Jr
David marston	John Dearborn Junr	Samuel Molton
Zachriah Towl	Samuel Dearborn	Isaac Jenness Ju ^r
Thomas Marston	Jermiah Dearborn	Isaac Jenness
Benjamin Brown	John Tayler	Samuel Robey
William Samborn	Abraham Tayler	Simon Brown
John Porter	Morris Hobbs	Samuel Chapman
Dearborn Fogg	thomas Hobbs	James Godfree
Joseph molton	Nathaniel Batchelder	William Koves
Josiah Hobbs	Levi Dearborn Ju ^r	John Nudd
Joseph Hobbs	Samuel ^{his} X Davis	Joseph Taylor
Dudley Page	^{mark}	William Godfree
Samuel Smith	Ebnezer Lovrin	Jon ^a Wedgwood
Jamiah Fogg	Ebnezer Lovrin Jur	
Simon Ward	Simon Lovrin	

[In H. of Rep., Dec. 31, 1783, the petition was granted, Senate concurred.—ED.]

[R. 3-64] [*Petition of Stephen Brown, Soldier, 1759.*]

[In a petition to the general assembly, dated May 16. 1759, said Brown stated "That your Petitioner was an Inlisted soldier in the Government service In the Last Campaign, in Capt Thos. Tashes Compⁿ that your Petitioner bought a Gun of Capt Abner Fogg to carry with him in s^d service." He further stated that the gun burst the first time he fired it, and he thereby lost two of his fingers. He asked to have doctor's bill paid, which was granted to the extent of £6, 8 sterling.—ED.]

[R. 3-65] [*Petition of Jonathan Wedgwood, 1761.*]

To the Honourable the House of Representatives now setting at Portsmouth—

The Petition of Jonathan Wedgwood of North Hampton humbly sheweth—That Sam^l Wedgwood the son of your Petitioner did enlist in the year 1760 into the service for the total reduction of Canada and went accordingly in the Company of Capt George March and on his return was taken sick at Crown Point and convey^d by Albany home which created some extraordinary charges which your petitioner prays may be allow^d him by the Honourable House of Representatives and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray

North Hampton Febr^y 4th 1761

Jon^a Wedgwood

[He was allowed 32 shillings sterling.—ED.]

[R. 3-67] [*Petition of Samuel Davis, Soldier: addressed to the General Assembly, 1763.*]

The Petition of Samuel Davis of North Hampton Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner being out in the service of this Province in the year 1758, in the Company of Capt Jonathan Swett, and being wounded at No. Four * * *

his
Sam^l X Davis
mark

[The wound was in his leg. He was attended by Dr. Levi Dearborn; he asked to have the doctor's bill paid.—ED.]

[R. 3-68] [*Soldier's Order, 1778.*]

Dated at North hampton febre'y 6th 1778

To Nickles Gilman Treas Sir please Cap^t Moses Leavitt all my Rations Deue to me the Last Campaign your Compliance will greatly oblige your Humbell Sev^t

Radmund Moulton[on] Ens

[R. 3-69]

[In a petition dated Feb. 12, 1778, Abraham Marston stated that he was a "Soldier in Col. Abraham Drake's Regiment the last fall in the Service of this State." He was taken sick of fever in New York state, and asked to have the expense of his sickness paid. Allowed £21, 6, 2.—ED.]

[R. 3-70] [*James Wedgwood, Soldier.*]

[In a petition dated Jan. 9, 1781, James Wedgwood stated that he was "a Lieut in the third New Hampshire Battalion," and was "engaged in the Service of the United States in Nov^r 1776, and continued in Said Service until the 13th of Sept^r 1778." He asked to have the depreciation of his pay made up. He petitioned again (R. 3-71) in 1784, and then succeeded.—ED.]

[R. 3-72] [*Account for Supplies to Mrs. Green.*]

Due to the Parish of North Hampton for supplying Richards Greens wife for the year 1782 Five pounds Four shillings & Four pence Lawful Silver Money £5:4:4.

North Hampton Febuary 24th 1783.

Pr Morris Hobbs

In behalf of the Selectmen

[Sworn before Levi Dearborn.]

[R. 3-73] [*Soldier's Order.*]

North Hampton May 30th 1785

To John taler Gillman Esq Sur be plesed to pay unto Coll

Moses Leavitt all the wages Due to my Son Jorge Long Due
to him for Serves in the Arme^y

Yourn to serve

[torn]en Long

[R. 3-74] [*Petition of Daniel Gookin, Soldier, addressed
to the General Court, 1785.*]

Humbly shews Daniel Gookin of North Hampton, in said State—That your petitioner early in the year 1777 went into the army of the United States as a Serjeant and continued there in that capacity till the 19th march AD 1779 at which time he received a Brevit from this State to rank as Ensign—that he was afterwards on the 16th Day of June A D 1779 commissioned by Congress to take Rank as Ensign from the 6th Day of May 1777—that this State has made up to him the Depreciation of his Wages in the Capacity of Serjeant for said Term of time, Wherefore he prays that your honors would be pleased to grant him the Depreciation on the difference of the Wages of Serjeant and Ensign and empower him to receive the same & your petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray &c

Dan^l Gookin

[Petition granted Feb. 17, 1786.—ED.]

[R. 3-75] [*Relative to the Town's Quota of Soldiers.*]

State of New Hampshire—

To the Hon^{bl} General Court for the State of New Hampshire
Now Sitting at Portsmouth in said state

Humbly Sheweth Moses Leavitt of North-Hampton in Said State in behalf of Said Town of North-Hampton that an extent was Issued against said Town for a Large Sum of Money for the Dificiency of Soldiers which is yet unsatisfyed and that by Som Neglect by the failer of said Town Returning Sum of said Soldiers they have Not been credited for four Men that they had in the field which Sarved faithfully during the war Viz Samuel Trickey John Weeks Samuel York & Joseph Avery wherefore your Petitioner Prays that this Honourable Court would take the Same into there wise Consideration and order that the said four Men may be Credited to said Town and deducted from said Extent and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound Shall Pray &c

Portsmouth March 1st 1786.

Moses Leavitt

[The foregoing petition was “granted in full.”—ED.]

NORTHUMBERLAND.

The township was first granted, Oct. 20, 1761, by the name of Stonington, to John Hogg and others. Settlements were made in June, 1767, by Thomas Burnside, with his wife and three children, and Daniel Spalding, with his wife and son Edward. It is said that Mrs. Spalding was a descendant of the celebrated Hannah Duston.

It was re-granted Jan. 25, 1771, to Daniel Warner and others, by its present name, and incorporated by the legislature Nov. 16, 1779, with full town privileges. John Brown was authorized to call the first meeting.

By an act approved Dec. 27, 1799, Jeremiah Eames, Joseph Peverley, and John Moore were appointed a committee to assess a tax of three cents per acre on the lands in the town, for the purpose of building a bridge over Ammonoosuc river.

Jeremiah Eames was a surveyor of land, and was employed to survey and make plans of several towns in the vicinity, to comply with the act of December, 1803, which required plans of all towns, grants, etc., to be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

[8-126] [*Petition of Inhabitants relative to a Road from Conway: addressed to the General Court, 1780.*]

Humbly Sheweth—

that whereas there is a Road cut and Partly Cleared and Bridged Leading from upper Coos to Conway So to Wolfbrough and Portsmouth which is through Considerable unappropriated Lands unlikely Soon to be Settled at or near the white hills where if Some Expence was Properly Laid out would Shorten the travel from Connecticut River to the Seaports and Prevent the People at upper Coos being under Necessety of taking the tedious Rout of Lower Coos of at Least forty or fifty miles farther And whereas it is now a time of war and the People at upper Coos being the frontier of this State or the Continent in this Northern Quarter Exposed to alarms and attacks by the Enemy from Canada and having no Resorce for help or way of Retreat but by the way of Lower Coos (which think themselves Equally Exposed) wherefore your Petitioners beg the Interposition of the Hon^{bl} Court that they would order the above Said Road way immediately be made Passable with horses or Carriages through Said unappropriated Lands at the Cost of the

State and through the appropriated Lands at the Cost of owner that So Relief may Sooner be had from the Interior to the Exterior Part of the State which will be of great importance to your Petitioners and of advantage to this State and the Publick in general and Your Petitioners as in Duty bound will Ever Pray Northumberland May 25th 1780

thomas Burnside	Nathan Barlow	John Sawyer
John Holbrook	Archippus Bloggatt	Dill Sawyer
John Gamsby	Joseph Barlow	George Wheeler
James Blake	James Brown	Sam ^l Nash
Joshua Lamkin	Benj ^a Byron	David Hopkinson
James Curtiss	Ward Bailey	David Page
David Larned	Abner osgood	moses page
Elijah Blogget	Benj ^a Sawyer	Jonas Wilder
Luther Richardson	Tim ^o Nash	

[See following document.—ED.]

[8-127] [*Report of Committee relative to building a Road, 1780.*]

State of New Hamp^s In the House of Representatives June 14th 1780.

The Committee on the Petition from Northumberland Reported their Opinion that they Recommend the passing an Act appointing & authorizing some person or persons to sell at public Vendue One Thousand Acres of the Confiscated Land of William Stark adjoining to Conway & lay out the money arising by said Sale in making a good & passable Road through the Unappropriated Lands Mentioned by the Petitioners & make Return of such doing to the General Court as soon as may be which is Submitted in behalfe of the Committee, by E. Thompson,—Which Report being Read & Considered, Voted that it be Received and Accepted—

Sent up for Concurrence

John Langdon Speaker

In Council June 15th 1780, read & concurred

E. Thompson Secy.

[8-128] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of N Hamp^s Grafton s^a—

An Exact Account. of the number of Male Poles from twen-

ty-one years of Age & upwards, in the Town of Northumberland, paying A Pole Tax, s^d number being Seventeen

Jo^a Peverly }
Jer^b Eames } Select. Men

Northumberland 2^d Dec^r 1783

[Sworn to before Edw^{ds} Bucknam, Justice of the Peace.]

[8-129] [*Petition of the Selectmen of Northumberland and Guildhall, Vt., for Authority to raise Money by Lottery: addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives.*]

Humbly Sheweth—

That Whereas Connecticut River Divides the Towns of Northumberland and Guildhall and there being a very convenient Advantagious place for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over what is called the little Falls on said River which would be very advantagious to the Public in general as well as to the Inhabitation of s^d Towns as that is near the Centre of the Inhabitation of the Upper Coos—We therefore for our Selves and in behalf of All who are travilars in and thro' this Country Humbly Beseech your Honours to grant us Liberty to raise by Lottery the Sum of One thousand Dollars which we concieve to be sufficient together with what Subscriptions we can procure to erect a good and perminent Bridge over s^d Place and we your petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray—

Dated at Northumberland this 25th Day of May 1791—

Benoni Cutter }
Eben W. Judd } Select
Joseph Peverly } Men
Antipas marshall }

[8-130] [*Petition for a Ferry, 1785.*]

State Newhamp^r

To the Honourble the Seneate & House of Representatives
humbly Sheweth

That Ever Since the first Setelment of this Town and Others adjacent in Upper Coos the Inhabitants and Travelers have been Great Suferers for want of a boat, Suitable to Carry People horses & Teams over Connecticute River and a branch thereof Called amminooSuck River which Runs in to Connecticute River in Northumberland and wheras Thomas Burnside

Esq^r hath Proposed building a Suitable boat or boats if he Might have a Charter of a ferry in Such manner that the ferry to Cross Connecticut River might take in AmminnuSuck which your Petetioners Suppose might be without Inconvenience with the Same boat Therefore Pray the Sole Priveledge of Keeping a boat or boats in Northumberland for the above Purposes may be Granted to the s^d Burnside he being Subject to Such Regulations & Restrictions as your Hon^{rs} in your wisdom Shall See meet and your Petetioners will Ever Pray

Northumberland May 14th 1785

Thomas Peverly	Archippas Blogget	Hith Balden
Thomas Peverly j ^r	Josiah Blogget	Barnard Cole
Jer ^h Eames	James Brown	James Blake
Daniel Spaldin	Newcomb Blogget	Joshua Lamkin
David Learned	John Holbrook	Oliver Lamkin
James Learned	James Curtiss	thomas Lamkin
Abel Learned	William Curtiss	James Burnside
Elijah Blogget	Stephen Curtiss	Phinehas Hodgdon
James Luther	John Smith	Nathan Caswell

[The privilege of keeping a ferry was granted to said Thomas Burnside in 1786.—ED.]

[8-131] [*Petition for a new County, 1791.*]

To the Honourable the General Court of the State of New Hampshire—

The Potision of the Inhabitants of Northumberland In the County of Grafton—

Humbly Sheweth—

That your Potisioners live at The distance of neer Sixty miles from the neerest Shier Town In this County—

That a very considerable part of the Inhabitants of this part of the County live above us and are under Similar disadvantages with us—

That the Road to Haverhill our neerest Shier Town Are Exceeding bad and at Some Seasons of the year Unpassable—

Therefore we your Potisioners pray that we may Be Seperated from the Said County of Grafton And be made A new County by a Line drawn from Connecticut River between the Towns of Concord Alias Gunthwait and Littleton and on Eastward Taking in the Towns of Conway Eaton &—C—to the Provinc line So Call^d—And we as in duty bound Shall Ever Pray

Northumberland Nov^r 22nd—1791

Abel Bennet	Vntipas Marshall	Anthony Clifford
Caleb Marshall	Abner Barlow	Thomas Peverly
Abel Bennet J ^r	Jacob Shuff	Thomas Peverly
Isaac Meriam	Daniel Rowell	
Eliphalet Day	Thomas Burnside	

[The county of Coos was established by an act approved Dec. 24, 1803.—ED.]

[8-132] [*Petition for Authority to assess a Tax to build a Bridge: addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives, 1799.*]

Humbly sheweth,

That the Bridge over Amonnoosook river was destroyed by an extraordinary Freshet in June last,—which Bridge being on the main road from Haverhill to the upper settlements on Connecticut river makes it highly necessary as well for the public, as for the individual use of the inhabitants that another should be built.—

That the Inhabitants being few in number, and having numerous other expensive bridges to maintain, besides being at present involved in other public expences by lately erecting a meeting house in said town, find themselves unable to rebuild said bridge without some assistance.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that a Tax of Four Cents p^r Acre on all the lands in said Northumberland public rights excepted may be granted, for the purpose of rebuilding said Bridge, and that the overplus if any there should be, may be laid out on the public roads in said Northumberland, in such manner and under such restrictions as in your wisdom you shall see fit.—And your Petitioners shall ever pray.—

Northumberland 7th November 1799

Caleb Marshall	James Burnside	Antipas Marshal
Abel Bennet	Jonathan Crawford	Joseph Daniels
Daniel Spaulding J ^{nr}	W ^m Bothwell	Eliphalet Day
Zadock Samson	John moore	Thomas Bickford
Joseph Peverly	Hez ^h Smith	Benj ^a Marshall
Jer ^h Eames	David Burnside	Joel Owen
Thomas Peverly	Isaac Meriam	
Daniel Spaulding	James Lewis	

[Granted by an act approved Dec. 27, 1799.—ED.]

NORTHWOOD.

The territory comprising this town was formerly a part of Nottingham, from which it was severed by an act passed February 6, 1773, and erected into a "distinct parish agreeable to a vote of the said town" (Nottingham).

Settlements were made in 1763 by Increase Batchelder, John Batchelder, and Moses Godfrey of North Hampton, and Solomon Bickford of Durham.

The first meeting of the inhabitants to choose town officers was called by Benjamin Johnson, and held at the house of Valentine Kenneson, March 23, 1773.

Among the Northwood men in the Revolution were Benjamin Dow in the first regiment; Samuel Johnson, Wm. Wallace, Eliphalet Taylor, Wm. Blake, Nathaniel Twombly, Benjamin Johnson, Jr., Simon Batchelder, Abraham Batchelder, Joseph Caswell, Simon D. Wadley, Samuel Trickey, William Glidden, and others.

[8-134] [*A Petition for a Magistrate: addressed to the Governor, June 9, 1774.*]

The humble Petition of the freeholders & Inhabitents of the Perish of Northwood is that Your Exelency Would Grant A Justice of the Peace, Commision to M^r Benjamin Hill of this Perish He being A Very Capable Man, Likewise that there is Great Need of A Justice of the Peace here there Being No Man of that Station in Any part of this Perish Your Granting the prayers of us the Subscribers Will be Gratefully Acknowledged as A favour and Your humble petitioners will Ever Pray

John Batchelder	Stephen Hoit	Henry Sanborn
William Blaake	William Prescott	Asahel Blake
daves batchelder	Joseph Page	Levi Dearborn
Benjamin Johnson	Elias Philbrick	Zabulon Norris
Stephen Rawlians	Simon Wadleigh	Joshua Furbur
Nathanael Twombly	Moses Godfree	Daniel Sawyer
Joseph Holden	David Page	Morris Lamprey
Increases Batchelder	volatin Canstan	Jonathan Clark
abraham Bacthelder	Nicklus Clark	Robert Hill
Israel Hodgdon	John Harvey	David knowles
William Wollais	John Sherburn	

[Ordered to lay.—ED.]

[8-135] [*Petition for a Magistrate: addressed to the Governor and Council.*]

The Petition of the Subscribers, Inhabitants of the Town of Northwood, in the County of Rockingham Humbly Shews, That a Justice of Peace is much wanted in said Town, and that your petitioners understand that Jonathan Jenness Esq^r late a Majistrate in said Town, does not incline to renew in said Office any more, and no, other being yet appointed, your petitioners humbly beg liberty to nominate and recommend to your Excellency & Hon^{rs} notice Mr Jonathan Clark and humbly pray that he may be appointed and commissioned a Justice of Peace for said County & your Petitioners shall pray—

Northwood 19th October 1785.—

Jonathan Jenness	Nathaniel Morriel	Frances James
Esq ^r	Moses Hoyt	David Page
John Harvey	Tayler Clarke	Peeter Blasdel
William P kelley	John Neley	Na ^t garland
Volintine Kneson	—— Page	Ashel Blake
Dearborn Blake	Moses Johnsons	Sa ^m Bartlet
John Crockett J ^r	James Step James	Na ^t Piper
Nich Dudley Hill	Josiah Dirgen	Samuel S Johnson
John Crockett	Thomas Piper	Solomon Bickford
Jon ^a Sanborn	Willam Glitten	John Bickford Junr
Joshua Hoyt	Samuel Brown	Calep Clough
Thomas Piper 3	James Darborn	Moses Norris
Nicholas Hartford	Willam Buzell	Jon ^a Hill
John Cate	Benjamin Johnson	—— Morriel
Jacob Norris	John Wille	Joseph York
Samuel Johnson	James Watson	

[R. 3-76] [*William Glidden, Soldier.*]

[In a petition dated Northwood, October 17, 1785, William Glidden stated that he "Early Entered into the service of the united States of America in the late war with great Brittan and that he Sarved as a Soldier for the State of Newhampshire in the Regiment Commanded by General Hazen untill the Close of the War at which time he Received an Honourable Discharge * * *

Thos. Bartlet

in behalf of the Petitioner—"

He asked that the deprecation of his pay might be made up.—Ed.]

[R. 3-77] [*Relative to Samuel Trickey, Soldier.*]

The petition of Jonathan Clark of Northwood Esq^r Humbly Sheweth That the Town of Northwood in the year 1778 in obedience to the orders of the general court did hire one Samuel Trickey an inhabitant of said Town, to serve two years in the Continental army—that when the returns of the Soldiers was called for by the State from the several towns, the said town of Northwood neglected to return said Soldier—that the town of Nottingham claimed & returned him, though they paid him no bounty & had their full quota without him— * * *

Concord 17th June A. D. 1786—

Jon^a Clark
in behalf of the town of Northwood

[He asked to have the matter rectified, which was granted, Stoten Tuttle and Nath'l Goodhue, selectmen of Nottingham, consenting thereto.—Ed.]

[8-136] [*Petition for a Magistrate: addressed to the Governor and Council.*]

The petition of us Subscribers Sheweth that Whereas Jonathan Jenness Esq^r was Reappointed of Late a Justice of the Peace in the Parish of Northwood in Said County But Neglects or Rather Declines to be Qualified in Said Office according to Law and we think it Very necessary that there Should be one appointed in Said Parish And upon Deliberate Consideration we Recommend to Your Notice Captain Joseph Demerit as a Sutable Man for a Justice of the Peace in Said Parish hereby Showing our Request that he may be appointed to Said office as soon as may be So Desireth and Prayeth Your Humble Petitioners—

Northwood November Y^e 10th 1785

Increas Batchelder	Jon knight	Shurborn Darborn
Natha ^l Garland	Samuel Batchelder	Nicholas Blake
john johnson	Eliger Caswell	Enoch Pilsbury
Simeon Johnson	Stephen Rawliangs	Joshua Furbur
Daves Batchelder	Thomas Caswell	William Prescott
Simon Batchelder	Recherd Caswell	Joseph york
abraham Batchelder	Ebnezer Banack	Samuel Giles
Ebenezer Dirgorn	John Shurborn	Moses Hoyt
Simon godfree	Daved Knoles	Henry Batchelder
James godfree	Samuel Shurborn	Moses Godfree
Samuel Durgin	Nickles D Hill	John Bickford
L ^t william wollais	Simeon knowles	Eliphalet Duda

Jonathan Batchelder	Jonathan Calley	John Batchelder
Hanson hight	Nathaniel Derborn	Joseph Caswell
Benjamin Johnson	Tho ^s Piper	John Kilborn
Junor	Nathaniel Piper	Asahel Blake
Daniel Hoit	Josiah Durgin	Ebenezer knolton
Joseph Shaw	Moses morris	Joseph Durgorn
Ebenezer Durgin	Nathaniel Philbrick	James Stevnes James
Juner	Sherbun Blake	Samuel Brown
John Dirgorn	Phillip kelley	Stephen Hoit
Thomas Randel	Joseph Shute	James Dirborn
Robert Morrison	Jonathan Blake	
Thomas Knolton	Jacob Swain	

[8-141] [*Petition for an Incorporation of the Baptist Society: addressed to the General Court.*]

Sheweth that they have Regularly and Statedly Assembled together for the Worship of God on the Sabbath and other Days Set apart by the authorty for Divine worship and according to the Dictates of Conscience as a Church and Society have Set under the preaching and other ordenances of the Gospel and your petitiors further Say that they have Voluntarily as a Society built a meating house and Have at their own Expence ordained a minister Who has for many years past Labourd with them as their Spiritual Guide: your petitiors therefore Pray that an act may be passd to Incorporate them and their Successors as a Distinct Society under the Denomination of the first Baptist Society in Northwood and that they may be Invested with full power to transact any matter or things which may be Necessary in organizing Said Society with also of Choosing wordends and a Colector or of Assessing money or any other officer they may think fit and your petitiors further pray that m^r Increase Batchelder may be authorized to notify the first meating of Said Society after it Shall have been Incorporated as aforesaid, and your petitiors in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray—

Northwood December 5th in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven

Solomon ———	John lesle Jun	John Furber
Elijah carswell	Samuel hull	Moses Furber
James Pilsbury	thomas knowlton	Noah Hill
Increas Batchelder	Samuel Batchelder	William Wollais
Joshua Furbur	Zaccheus Taylor	Green morrill
John Batchelder	Jonathan Taylor	eleaser Watson
James Batchelder	William knolton	John Watson
James Weir	Benjamin Stokes	huchins Watson
Joseph Demerit	David knolton	Daniel Hoitt

Paul Demeritt	Joseph Shaw	Philip Hoitt
Joseph Demeritt Jun ^r	John Dergin	Benj ^a Hoit
Moses Demeritt	John Dergin Jun	Thomas Furber
Eliphalet Taylor	Jonathan knowlton	Joseph ———
John Chesle	abraham Batchelder	Jedidiah Weeks
Richard Hull	Samuel Batchelder	Roland morgon
William Hull	Jun	

[The petitioners were directed to notify the selectmen of a hearing at the next session.—ED.]

[8-137] [*Remonstrance to the foregoing.*]

To the Hon^{bl} Senate and Hous of Representatives Conven^d At Concord on the twenty first Day of this Ins^t November 1798

We the Subscribers Inhabitents of Northwood Did here to fore with a Number of our Breatherin Belonging to the Baptist Society in Northwood Pertetion to be Incorporated As a Baptist Society in Said Northwood to which it was Not granted we the Subscribers Understand there is now A Pertetion Before your Honnors by a Number of Pertetioners Belonging to Said Society in Said Northwood to be Incorporated as the first Baptist Society in Northwood—

Which your Subscribers & Humble Pertetioners think if granted will take away ouer Property and Priveledges In Sevel Respects viz—

Mr Pilsburey who for a Number of years hath ben ouer Minister and hath Bin In Fellowship with other Baptist Churches in Sosation is now Changed his Princepels and Become what is Called a Universlor and is not In fellow Ship with the Baptist Churches and that tha Do Still Imploy M^r Pilsbury to Preach in the Meateing House to Which we Can not Unite with them we your Pertetionors being Proprietors and Holders in Part of Said House & other Property tha Being a Majorrity of Said Society Should tha Be Incorporated we must be Cut of from ouer Priveledge As we Do Still hold ouer Selves members of the Baptist Society and not Universalors

Wherefor we Humble Pray that Said Pertetion may Not be granted

moses Johnson
Jon^a Calley
Samuel Cook
Daniel French
Simeon knowles
thomis Rolings
samuel Durgin

[In H. of Rep., June 12, 1798, the petition for an incorporation of the Baptist society was granted. Senate concurred next day.—Ed.]

[8-138] [*Petition relative to laying out a Road, 1788: addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives.*]

Humbly shews the Subscribers, Inhabitants of Northwood, that by an Act of the Legislature of this State, pass'd last year, a Committee was appointed & empower'd, to lay out a Highway from the Province Road, (so call'd) in Barnstead, to the Country Road in Northwood, that since that time, said Highway has been laid out, and clear'd, which greatly accommodates Travellers, as well as teams passing from the North West part of this State, to Portsmouth and many other places; That the Road from Northwood to the great Bridge, over Exeter River, leading from Newmarket to Stratham, is very crooked and in many places might by small alterations be made not only shorter, but laid on Land much firmer, and better, for a Highway, and that all the necessary alterations may be made with out any or but a trifling expence, in purchasing Land for the same; if there was a Committee appointed, to lay it out and carry it into Effect

Wherefore, your Petitioners request, that Jonathan Clark Esq^r of Northwood, Jonathan Cilley Esq^r of Nottingham, and Cap^t Josiah Bartlet of Lee, may be appointed and authorized by an Act of this State, to lay out said Highway, and execute the same, from where the aforesaid Committee finish'd in Northwood, to the aforesaid Bridge in Newmarket, and to make Such Alterations by changing the Highway, or otherwise, as may by them be deem'd necessary to make the same shorter, and better; and to lay it out at least three Rods wide the whole way.

And that, as soon as the Committee shall have laid out said Highway, and served the Select Men of the several and respective Towns and Parishes thr^o which the same shall pass, with a Copy of their said laying out; That said Towns or Parishes may become liable to such Penalties, as your Honours may think necessary for their neglect of making the same passable as soon as may be—

December 15th 1788

Bradb^r Cilley
Samuel Brown
Sherbun Blake

Samuel Sherburn
N: Dudly Hill
John Harvey

John Wille
Nicholas Blake
Joshua Furbur

Asahel Blake	William Smith	Jacob Swain
Eliphalet Duda	Samuel Bartlet	William Clough
Joshua Hoit	John Crockett	John gile
Ebenezer Durgin	Samuel Johnson	John Wiggin
John Neley	Taylor Clark	Jonathan Sanborn
John Crockett Jr	Nat ^l Keniston	Benjamin Hoit
Benjamin Hill	Nathaniel Piper	Jonathan Hill
Samuel Crockett	joseph york	Henry Butler
Levi Meed	William Buzel	Benjamin Butler
Abraham Batchelder	David knowles	John D. Williams
Samuel Hill	Joseph Leathers	

[In H. of Rep., Feb. 5, 1789, the men named in the foregoing were authorized to make a survey and report, which they did as follows:—ED.]

[8-139] [*Report of Committee on the foregoing.*]

Pursuant to appointment, & in obedience to a Vote of the Legislature, we have proceeded to survey said Road in the Petition mentioned—& have agreed to report that said Road might be much altered for the better, by changing it agreeably to the prick'd lines in the plan herewith exhibited, as it is much better Ground & considerably lessens the distance.

All which is humbly Submitted

Jon^a Cilley }
 Jon^a Clark } Committee
 J. Bartlet }

[The plan mentioned is No. 140 in manuscript volume.—ED.]

NOTTINGHAM.

The township of Nottingham, embracing the territory now in Northwood and Deerfield in addition to that which remains in the town, was granted May 10, 1722. The most of the grantees were residents of Boston and Newbury, Mass., and desired to name the town New Boston. Why it received its present name instead is unknown.

The first proprietors' meeting was held at the house of Maj. John Gilman, in Exeter, June 13, 1722.

The plan of the "centre square" was completed March 31, 1724, which was laid out substantially as it is at present. It is known as Nottingham Square, and is one of the pleasantest locations in the state.

January 8, 1766, the south-west part of the town was severed, and incorporated into a town named Deerfield. The north-west part of the town was taken off, and incorporated into the town of Northwood. February 6, 1773.

Nottingham was represented in the Revolution by many able and brave men, among whom may be mentioned Dr. Henry Dearborn, who was at Bunker Hill, and in most of the battles of the war. He succeeded Scammel as colonel of the Third N. H. Reg't in 1781; was secretary of war, 1801-1809; major-general, 1812, 1813; in congress two terms; minister to Portugal, 1822-1824; died in Roxbury, Mass., June 6, 1829.

Col. Joseph Cilley, born in 1734, and died in 1799, was in command of the First N. H. Reg't at Bemis's Heights, which was conspicuous for the bravery of its commander and men. He was in most of the battles from Saratoga to Yorktown.

The following Nottingham men were in the First N. H. Regiment:

James Beverly, entered January 4, 1777, discharged December, 1781.

Benjamin Butler, entered March 5, 1777, discharged March 20, 1780.

Josiah Clark,* entered May 9, 1779, discharged November 20, 1781.

Thomas George, entered January 1, 1777, discharged January 25, 1780.

Thomas Harvey,† entered June 1, 1779, discharged December, 1781.

John P. Hilton, entered January 1, 1777, discharged February 1, 1779.

Benjamin McAllister,* entered January 1, 1777, discharged March 7, 1778.

Paul McCoy,† entered April 25, 1779, discharged December, 1781.

Bradstreet Mason,† entered January 8, 1779, discharged December, 1781.

John Pike, entered January 1, 1777, discharged January, 1779.

* Died in the service. † Served also in the year 1782.

James Rendall, entered January 1, 1777, discharged

Nathan Rendall, entered January 1, 1777, discharged

William Willey,* entered January 1, 1777, discharged December, 1781.

Joseph York,* entered March 1, 1777, discharged December, 1781.

[Rev. Papers, p. 275]

A List of the Men Now in the Sarvice that Ingaged for the Town of Nottingham before the year 1778 Viz.

In the Cavilry

Bradbury Mills

In the Infantry

Tho^s Hall

Moses Davis

Joseph York

Joseph Neally

Tho^s Welsh

Matthias Welsh

Nicholas Leathers

Nath^l Randel

William Willey

Ingaged by the Town in 1779,

Josiah Clark

John Clark

Jesse Clark

Broadstreet Mason

William Simpson

Paul Mc'Cay

Samuel Trickey

Ingaged in the year 1780

Joseph Avery

Richard Sandborn

James Harvey

Samuel York

Ingaged from Nottingham for Lee in 1777

Benj^a Welsh

1779 for Pembroke Tho^s Harvey

1779 for Nottingham Joseph Hall

Jonathan Morgin

Tho^s Bartlet for and in behalf of
Nottingham

* Served also in the year 1782.

[8-142] [*A Petition of sundry Presbyterians to be joined to Windham: addressed to the Governor and Council.*]

The Humble Petition of Joseph Caldwell of the District of Nottingham in said Province in behalf of himself and James Gibson John Mitchell John Caldwell James Warson Robert Evans Daniel Dugglas Hugh Richey and Thomas Richey all of the same Place Shews

That Your Petitioners having been Educated according to the Principles of the Kirk of Scotland are Presbyterians by Profession and Desireous of Communion with a Church of that Denomination which there is in the Parish of Windham about four Miles Distant from the Place of Your Petitioner's habitation.

That the People of the said District are Divided in Sentiments Respecting Ministerial and Parochial Affairs and besides are of a Different Opinion Concerning Points of Worship and Discipline from Your Petitioners and therefore they cannot be Desireous of joining together in one Parish—

Wherefore Your Petitioners Humbly Pray that they may be Poll'd off to the said Parish of Windham with their families & Estates & and added to that Parish—and thereby be Exempted from any Concern as to Religious Ministerial & Parochial matters with the said Inhabitants of the said District or any Incorporation that may hereafter be made there and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray &c

Joseph Caldwell

[8-144] [*Relative to Town Line, 1756.*]

This May Certify whom it may Concern that we the Selectmen of y^e town of Notting^m this present year are Informed that y^e Select Men or Committee of Durham hath been Runing the Line between Dover and Notting^m without Notifying us and intends to have it Confirmed at y^e General Court which we apprehend Not faire for had we known we wou'd been Radey to have waited upon them—

Nottingham January y^e 12th 1756

Robert Kellse } Select Men of
franceis Harvey } Nottingham

[8-145] [*Trouble at Town-Meeting, 1753: Petition addressed to the Assembly.*]

Shews—

That at the Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town there happened Considerable Contention & Debate among the

Voters about the Choice of proper Officers, Especially a Town Clerk and the old Clerk Refusing to Act after a New one was Chosen, & there being no Justice of the Peace there to Swear him, neither of them would Act, and So no Entry was made after the Choice of a Moderator of the Proceedings of the Meeting—That this Contention & Wrangling Spent away the time till Late in the Evening, and the meeting broke up without having Chosen any Town Officer but the Clerk and without any Adjournment. but the next day a Number of the Voters Casually Meeting, adjourned to the first Day of May then next.

That your Petitioners upon advisement Conceive, that adjournment cant be good, as the Meeting at which it was made was a Meer accidental Assembly, not Connected with nor Derived from any Legal Meeting, and as none of the Officers will be Chosen (Should they proceed) Agreeable either to Law or the Charter of Said Town

That in Case their proceeding at the Said Adjournment Could by any Construction be Supported (which they See no Colour for) yet as Disputes about the necessary Town affairs, are always prejudicial to the People, Especially in New Settlements, it appears to Your Petitioners, at least to be Prudent to take away all Grounds for the Same—Wherefore Your Petitioners Humbly Pray that in Your Great Wisdom & Goodness, you would be pleased to Interpose your Authority in this Case, and by an Act or Resolve (as Shall be Judgd Necessary) order a New Town Meeting, & appoint Some Prudent Suitable Person to Call & Govern the Same giving the usual time for Notifying the End & Design as well as place for holding the Same—or Grant Such other Relief in the Premises as you Shall Upon the whole matter Judge best and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray &c—

Willam raa	John Radman	John Batlet
James morrison	Israel Blake	Caleb Burly
Willam m ^c Crles	Abraham Scales	John masen
Rice Rowel	David Glass	John Shaw
And ^w Simpson	Samuel Langley	John Nelley
David Morrison	Robert kellse	Beniman fox
Daniel Davis	James glass	James Kelley
William Kelso	Edward Bean Juner	John Hix
matthew neley	georg Bean	Samoull Hix
William Morrison	moses Blasdel	James Bean
Benj ^a Shaw	Joseph Pener	David Clifford
William Nelley	thomas Berley	Thomas Simpson
Francis Harvey		

[In H. of Rep., May 3, 1753, the petition was granted,

and Joshua Peirce was appointed to call a meeting, of which he was to be moderator.—ED.]

[8-146] [*Vote of Town relative to Minister Rates, 1759.*]

At a meeting of the Prop^s of Nottingham held at the meeting house in said Town on y^e 3^d day of July 1759

Voted That Peter Gilman & Nathaniel Peirce Esq^{rs} and Doct^r Daniel Rogers. be a Com^{tee} To make applycation to the Generall Court for a Tax of three pence p^r acre New Tenor to be Laid upon all the Lands in notting ham Excepting the Rights Granted for a Parssonage and School and to Enable the proprietors by an act To asses. and Collect the Same, and when the Money is Collected To be paid to Peter Gilman Esq^r Proprietors Treasurer And that he pay of Said Sum Twenty Three hundred Pounds old Tenor To the Rev^d M^r Butler, Minister of Nottingham, to Discharge so much of what the Town obliged themselves by Vote to pay Said M^r Butler on his Settlement in Said Town and the Remaining part to be paid for Charges and Accountps as shall be allowed by the proprietors, or by Committees appointed by them for the Settlements of such Accountps—

a True Coppy from Notting^m Propriet^{rs} Book of Records

attes^t Peter Gilman Prop^{rs} Clark

[R. 3-82] [*Petition of Robert Mason, Soldier, 1760.*]

[In a petition dated January 14, 1760, "Robert Mason of Nottingham Labourer," stated that he "was a Soldier in the Crown Point Expedition in the year 1756," "in the Company whereof John Shepard was Captain & as such proceeded to Fort William Henry where being out with said Captain upon a scout was made a Prisoner & carried to Canada where he Remained till after the Reduction of Quebec & was then sent back to Crownpoint with the Prisoners that were Captivated at Fort Du Quesne in which captivity he was stripped of all his cloathes & suffered great hardships." He asked for an allowance, which was granted to the extent of £172, 2, 6, out of the money raised for the Crown Point expedition.—ED.]

[R. 3-83] [*Petition of Israel Blake, 1761.*]

[In a petition, dated Nottingham, January 20, 1761, Israel Blake stated that his son "Israel Blake Jun^r was out in y^e

army Last Campaign," and that he was taken sick. He wanted pay for the expense of going after him.—ED.]

[8-147] [*Vote relative to a Division of the Town, 1765.*]

This is to Notifye and Warn all the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Nottingham Qualified by law to vote in the Town Affairs to meet at the Meeting House in Said Nottingham on the third Thursday of this Instant april at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon.—

First To Chuse a Moderator—

Secondly To See if then present voters will think Proper to set off the Southwesterly Corner In Nottingham so called as a Distinct Parish According to the Following Boundaries viz To Begin at the Bounds between the 9th and 10th Lots In the first Range And to Extend to the Head Line in said Nottingham. Then to begin At the bounds between the 21st and 22^d Lots In the second Range and to Extend to the said Head Line of Nottingham and Likewise to Include the whole of the 3^d 4th 5th and 6th Ranges of the 3^d Division so called in said Nottingham with the Lands & Settlers on the westerly side of pleasant Pond so far as the Road Extends to Epsom Line Includeing all the Farms And Settlers on Said Epsom Road (so called) to the Head line of Nottingham as likewise the whole of the 100 acre lots in Bow Street on the Southwesterly side of Said Street Includeing Josiah Sawyers lot being the Original Lot of Archibald Macfadrix To the Head of said bow Street.

Thomas Simpson } Select
Sam^l Tilton } Men

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting house at Nottingham Agreeable to a Warrant dated the third Thursday in April 1765.

Voted That Thomas Simpson Esq serve as Moderator of said Meeting

Voted That the upper End of Nottingham be set off as a Distinct parrish Agreeable to the above Dated Warrant.—

Cap^t Joseph Cilley Appears In said meeting and offers his Decent against the above voted parrish being set off according to the Boundaries Specified In Said Warrant.

Andrew Simpson
Jun^r

Volintine Hill

David Beverly

william Sanborn

Gideon Straw

Zepheniah Butler

Joseph Morrill

Moses Davis

Sam^l Danils

John Keneston

John Morrill Jun^r

Joseph Cilley Jun ^r	Charles Gliddon	Francis Harvy
Daniel Kelley	Jonathan Crossbe	Abraham Scailes
Ebenz ^r Paige	James Been	John Bartlet
James Morrison	Edward pevey	John Nealy
Cutting Cilley	James Kelsee	Benjamin Shaw
John Mills	Andrew Simpson	Benjamin York
Caleb Burleig	Philip Bartlett	Andrew Baker
Thomas Harvy	Joshua Trickey	Jam ^s Kelsey
John Morrill	Nathaniel watson	

The persons above Named Appeared and made a Publick Decent against The above said vote For these Reasons viz Because the Boundaries Ware Unreasonable: and Because the vote was passed before the Inhabitants ware Generally Gathered as was Supposed and also Because that a Number of the men that then voted for said parrish ware not Legal Inhabitants nor never ware Taxed in Said Town.

A True Copy

attest Benjamin Shepard Town Clarck

[The south-west part was set off January 8, 1766, and incorporated by the name of Deerfield.—ED.]

[8-148] [*Vote relative to a Division of the Town, 1771.*]

Province of Newhampshire

This is to Notify & warn all the Freeholders And other Inhabitants of the Town of Nottingham Qualifyed by law to Vote in town Affairs to Assemble and Meet at the Meetinghouse In Said town on Tuesday the 26th Day of March Instant at ten of the Clock in the forenoon.

1^{ly} To Chuse a Moderator

2^{dy} To Chuse a town Clark, Select men, Constables And all other Town officers as the Law Directs

3^{dy} The Third article in the warrant I here Omitt

4^{thly} The fourth Article in this warrant I also Omitt

5^{thly} To See if the Town will Set off all that Part of the Town above Long Street So Called as a Parish Dated at Nottingham This 11th Day of March Annoque Domini 1771

John Sherburn,	} Select Men
Jo ^s Cilley Jun ^r	
Tho ^s Bartlet	

A True Copy attest Benjamin Butler Town Clerk

at a Legal Town Meeting held at the Meeting house on tuesday the 26th Day of March A. D. 1771.

Pursuant To the above warrant

Voted that the 5th Article in the Warrant—Respecting Setting off all that Part of The Town above Longstreet So Called as a Parish Pass in the affirmative a True Copy

attest. Benjamin Butler Town Clerk

Dated at Nottingham this 10th Day of December 1771.

[8-149] [*A Petition for a Division of the Town: addressed to the General Assembly, 1771.*]

The Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants of the Town of Nottingham Humbly Sheweth that many of the Inhabitants of Said Town Live at a great Distance from the meeting-house at Nottingham-Square and are not able to Travil So far to attend the Publick worship of God there, Neither have we any benefit of the Schools that are kept in Said Town, altho we are obliged to pay our Proportion thereof, Wherefore your Petitioners Humbly Pray your Excellency and Honours that there may be a Parish Set off in Said Town, Agreeable to a Vote Pass^d in Said Town the Twenty Sixth Day of march A D 1771 Namely, all the Land in Said Town on the Northwesterly Side of Long Street (So Called) and So bounded South westerly on Deerfield Line We therefore Humbly Pray that your Excelency & honours would take our Case under your wise Consideration and Set of a Parish as afore Said with the Power and Priviledges of other Towns or Parishes in this Province and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray—

Dated at Nottingham December 10th 1771

Solomon Bickford	Wiliam Precut	jeremiah dow
John Batchelder	thomas piper	john hervie
Increase Batchelder	John Sherbon	necoies Blake
Moses Godfry	henery Derborn	Samuel jonson
William Wallace	Sherbon Derborn	john Bickford
Benjamin Godfry	Levy Derborn	nathaniel moriel
Davis Batchelder	Sherborn blake	Calob clough
William Blake	johnathun clarke	mories Lamper
Daniel hoit	joseph page	

Nottingham May y^e 19th 1772

This may Certify all whom it may Concern that the Select men of Nottingham are well Knowing in this affair Concerning this parish Being Sett of above Long Street for I tak'd my two Brethren a few Days ago and they Had nothing to object against

it being Established as a parish all I have to Say being one of
the Select men Edmund Hodgdon—

[The portion of the town referred to in the foregoing documents was set off Feb. 6, 1773, and incorporated by the name of Northwood.—ED.]

[8-151] [*Petition of Peter Hanson for a Divorce: addressed to the General Assembly, Feb. 12, 1778.*]

Most humbly sheweth, Peter Hanson of Nottingham in said State, that your Petitioner was born in that unhappy Quarter of the World called Africa, whose Inhabitants have been usually Stole, transported and Sold in the Markets of America like Cattle, notwithstanding they have but two legs, and are formed in the Same Image as White men. In like manner your Petitioner was bro't to this State and Sold, where by his faithfull and diligent behaviour in his Masters Service he has Obtained his freedom; and humbly presumes that by his Industry he is in a likely way not to be Unuseful to the Community. He begs leave further to shew that in the time of his Servitude he was Married to one Venus his Countrywoman and Slave to M^r Nathaniel Cooper of Dover, that by agreement with, and Consent of said Venus he has for more than one year past refrained to Cohabit with her as his wife, for the following reasons viz Because he Verily believes the making Slaves of any of the human Race is Unrighteous in the Sight of God, and a Cruel Despotick power used by one part of Mankind over another, and that his begetting Children to be and remain Slaves during their lives would be very Wicked, and for which he might deserve the Curses of such a Posterity groaning under Bondage—Also for that in his present happy State of Freedom he cannot have any Comfort in the Conjugal State with a person who is a Slave and cannot reside with him or Even so much as Speak to him without leave from her Master or Mistress, which he has been formerly denied and he not Suffered to tarry in the house with her.

Wherefore your Petitioner most humbly prays that your Honours (who have so nobled Strugled in the Cause of Natural Liberty) will take his case into your wise Consideration, and relieve him from being tied to a Slave, under the Temptation of begetting Slaves, and liberate him by dissolving the Bonds of Matrimony between him and the said Venus. And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray most fervently

his
Peter P Hanson
mark

[In H. of Rep., Aug. 20, 1778, a hearing was ordered for the next session of the legislature; but the matter did not come before the next or probably any subsequent legislature.—ED.]

[R. 3-84] [*Petition of John McCoy, Marine, 1779.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Hon^{ble} Council & Assembly of said State—

Humbly Shews John McCoy of Nottingham in the State aforesaid that he Entered as a Marine on Board the Continental Frigate Raleigh Capt Thomas Thompson Commander and Continued on Board during her first Cruise That on the 4th of Septem^r 1777 in an Engagement between the s^d Raleigh and the British Sloop of War Druid he received a grape shot a little below his hip Bone which has never been Extracted, by means of which he is wholly rendered incapable of any sort of labour to maintain himself hath suffered great pain, and been at very considerable Expense to Surgeons to obtain a Cure, but has found very little relief—wherefore he prays he may receive the Benefit promised by Congress to persons in such Cases, and he will ever pray—

Nottingham June 17th 1779

John ^{his} X M^cCoy
mark

[R. 3-85]

[In H. of Rep., Nov. 17, 1779, "John Whitehorn a Soldier in Col^o Wigglesworth Regiment who was wounded at Ticonderoga and has lost the use of his knee," was enrolled for half pay from Dec. 1, 1776, until further orders.—ED.]

[R. 3-86] [*Petition of Anna Thomas: addressed to the General Court, 1781.*]

The Humble Petition of Anna Thomas of Nottingham in the county of Rockingham and State aforesaid Widdow Sheweth that your Petitioner's Late Husband Lieu^t Joseph Merrill Thomas Entered into the Service of the United States Early in the year 1775 and Continued in said Service untill the Battle at Bemoses Hights on the Nineteenth of Sep^r 1777 in which Battle he Lost his Life while Fighting in Defence of his Country

and left your Petitioner with a Large Family of Young Children almost Destitute of any Support.

* * *

Nottingham Jan^r 22 : 1781

Anna Thomas

[She asked for half pay, in accordance with a law of congress, which was granted.—ED.]

[R. 3-87] [*Soldier's Receipt, 1781.*]

Nottingham July 5th 1781.

Received of John Chesley one of the Constables for the Town of Nottingham Six hundred and one Pound fifteen Shillings towards my wages as a Soldier in Cap^t Raynolds Company on the western frontiers I Say Receivd Pr

Josiah goodhue

[R. 3-88] [*Deposition of Aaron Hayes, relative to Joseph Hall, 1782.*]

The Deposition of Aaron Hayes of Lawful age, who Testifies and Says that to his Knowledg Joseph Hall a Soldier in one of the Newhampshire Regiments in the Continental army was an Inhabitant of Nottingham for a Number of years before he went into the army and that he lived in the Town of Nottingham when he Inlisted for the Town of Barrington for the term of one year and I have heard it said by a Number of Parsons that the Town of Barrington for sometime Refused for to pay him his hire because he had Inlisted during the war for the Town of Nottingham and further Saith Not

Aaron Hayes

[R. 3-89 is a similar deposition by Nicholas Leathers, who states that he was a soldier with Hall at Reading, Conn. Both were sworn before Thomas Bartlett.—ED.]

[8-152] [*Petition for a Magistrate: addressed to the Governor and Council*]

The Petition of the Subscribers, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Nottingham in said State humbly shews, that a large proportion of the Inhabitants of said Town, labour un-

der a great Disadvantage in transacting many kinds of Business wherein the aid or presence of a Magistrate is necessary ; their detached Situation, & the length and roughness of the Way making it very inconvenient and Troublesome, to attend on every such Occasion, at the South part of said Town, in which part only Justices have yet been appointed—

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly beg Liberty to recommend to Excellency's & Honour's Notice, Cap^t Moses Dame of said Town, as a Person, whom we think suitable for a Justice of Peace, and one whom we conceive is agreeable to the People in General ; and humbly pray your Excellency & honours to take the same under Consideration, & that he may be Appointed & commissioned accordingly—& your petitioners shall pray—

Nottingham 2^d June 1785—

Jacob Burnham	moses Davis iuner	John m ^c Crilles
Israel Randel	Job Langley	Samuel Daniels
Abednego Leathers	John Bowen	Andrew wille
John Randel	Daniel young	Jonathan wille
mason Rendel	Abner Davis	Stoten Tuttle
Edm ^d Hodgdon	Roberd Davis	Samuel Burnham
Benjamin Stokes	Jonathan Davis	Joseph Leathers
Nathaniel Chesley	David Davis	mark whidden
Robert Hill	Joseph Priest	John Chesley
Samuel tricky	thomas whitehorn	Daniel Elkins
Jacob Davis	quilk preast	thomas lines
Charles furnel	Isaac Spencer	Jonathan Randel
ham Libey	Aaron Hayes	James Kelsey
Moses Davis	Solomon hayes	Joseph Davis
John giles	Samuel Gray	John follet
Abel Leathers	Caleb Follet	Thomas furnel
Jonathan Davis	Andrew Chesley	Joshua Drew
Juner	Samuel Dam	miles hodston
John Davis	John gile	Thomas Welch
John keneson	Vowel Leather	Nathanael Goodhue
Charles wille	William Lowry	

[8-153] [*Vote relative to Paper Currency, 1785.*]

Rockingham ss At a Legal Town Meeting heald at the Meetinghouse in the Town of Nottingham on the Seventeenth Day of October 1785 agreeable to a Warrent for that Purpose.

Voted that it is the opinion of this Town that the General Court be Desired for to Make a paper Currency on the Best footing that they in there Great wisdom May think best, and it

is further the opinion of this Town that if the General Court Should Make a Paper Currency that it should be founded upon Real Estate and be put on a Low Intrest, and that the Town Clark be Directed for to Transmit a Coppy of this Vote to the General Court at there Next Sessions to be holden at Concord
a True Coppy attest—Thomas Bartlet Town Clk

[For legislative action, see Atkinson papers, Vol. XI.—Ed.]

ORANGE.

The township was granted Feb. 6, 1769, to Isaac Fellows and others, by the name of Cardigan, which name had been applied to the locality some years before.

The inhabitants petitioned several times to have the town incorporated, viz.: In 1779 by the name of Bradford; in 1783 by the name of Middleton; in 1789 by the name of Liscomb, which name was crossed out in the petition and Orange inserted. June 18, 1790, the town was incorporated by its present name. By an act approved Dec. 13, 1804, a portion of Orange was annexed to Hebron, and a portion of Hebron was annexed to Orange. The last named act was amended Dec. 2, 1808, and the line between the two towns established.

A portion of this town was annexed to the town of Alexandria, Dec. 6, 1820.

[8-154] *Petition of Simeon Olcott for a grant of Cardigan: addressed to the Governor and Council.*]

Most humbly Shews

That there is a Tract of his Majesty's Unappropriated Land lying within this Province not heretofore granted, known by the name of Cardigan, Bounded Westerly on Canaan Southerly on Grafton Easterly on the Patent line (so called) and North-erly on Cockermouth.

And Your Petitioner and his Associates being Desirous of making an Immediate Settlement on the Premises which he apprehends contains about Six Miles square,

Most humbly Pray

Your Excellency and Honors to make them a Grant of the

same under the usual or such Restrictions Conditions and Reservations as Your Excellency and Honors in your great Wisdom shall Judge meet. And Your Petitioner as in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray &c^{ra}

Portsmouth September 15th 1768

Simeon Olcott for himself &
Associates

Ordered to lay.

[8-155] [*Petition of Isaac Fellows and John Larrabee for a grant of Cardigan: addressed to the Governor and Council.*]

humbly shews

That y^r Petitioners, & their Associates are desirous of settling upon some of his Majestys unimproved Lands within this Government and having found a Tract for that Purpose known by the Name of Cardigan never as yet (as your Petitioners are informed) granted to any Persons

And Your Petitioners humbly beg Leave to Assure y^r Excellency & Honours that if they can be indulged with a Township of six Miles square on said Tract of Land, they and their Associates will immediately apply themselves to settle the same with a number of families as soon as the same can be laid out—And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Isaac Fellows
John Larrabee

Portsm^o Oct^r 19th 1768

[The township was granted to the foregoing petitioners and their associates Feb. 6, 1769.—ED.]

[*From Gen. Chase's Papers, page 93, Library of N. H. Historical Society.*]

To Col^o Jonathan Chase Esq^r—

Sir—In obedience to your orders for drafting of one fourth part of The Militia under My Command to Complete The Regiment Raising for 2 Months &c I have Drafted Serjant Joseph Basford and Leut. Elijah Cady & Eliheu Corlis Turned oute Voluntarily and have Ordered Them to March to The place of Rendezvous fourth with—from your Humb^l Ser^t

Joseph Kinne Cap^t

Cardigan 28th July A D 1777

[Ibid, page 151]

A return of the men who marched from Cardigan Showing the time they were in the Service

Carracter	Names	Time they entered service	Time when Returned	Duration
Lieu ^t	Abel Wilder	September 30	October 25	26 Days
Corporal	Joseph Kinney	Ditto	Ditto	
fifer	Daniel Kinney	Ditto	Ditto	
Private	Simion Parkhurst	Ditto	Ditto	
Ditto	Thandius ornes	Ditto	Ditto	
	one Pack horse			26 days

Abel Wilder Lieu^t

[Ibid, page 164]

Sir you have sent to me Raise our Quoto of Contenental Men and gave orders for y^e Select Men to assist and to give the Men two Hundred Dollors apece Now Sir I would Inform you that this Town is not Incorporated therefore we have no Ethorety we have no Select Men No Treasury to Draw the Money out of—Nither have I one Commssion ofiser to help Me to Raise the Men or to pay the Money—Thairfore I Desire to be Excused—also I am ordered to Render an account of the Number of Men in the train band thair is thurteen that the Law Requirs to have arms and four in the alaram list—

Sir I am in the 63 year of my age and full of Infarmitys and discouragments and not Capable of taking Care of my one bisness tharfore I desire to be Excused—Sir I Resine my Comission and If you think it worth it will be to any purpos to Send to this poor place for Men thair must be a new Set of ofisers apointed for the burden is two grait for me

from your humble Sarvent

Joseph Kinne

Cardagan August 10 1779
To Coll Jonathon Chase

[8-156] [*Petition of Inhabitants of Cardigan to be incorporated, etc.: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly Shew—

That your Petitioners and other inhabitants of the afores^d Town of Cardigan have Ben Sent to for Very Large taxes time and again and Not Being under any Capacity to Raise or Collect the same for Want of propper authority; we Cannot Call a Legal town meeting nor Chuse a Legal oficer: it is true we have presumed to Warn meeting and Chuse town officers:

finally we have presumed to tax the inhabitants pursuant to the precepts Received in y^e years 1777 & 1778 and Delivered the Rate Bills to the Constables and Collectors and taken their Receipts theirfor But all to No purpose—

Theirfore We the Subscribers your humble petitioners Pray that your Honn^{rs} Would take it into your Wise Consideration and Grant us an Incorporation that We might Be able to answer the Demands of our Legeslature finally that we may Be intituled to all the priveliges of the other Incorporated Towns in This State: further We Humbly Begg that your Honnours Would appoint us a Justice of Peace for the Wellfair and Good order of our town Beg Leave to inform your Honn^{rs} that the Greatest part of the town is Dissatisfied With the Name That it Now Bears Theirfore pray your Honn^{rs} to Give it the name of Bradford or Warwick all Which your humble Petitioners in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray—

Cardigan Decem^r y^e 21st 1779

John Parkhurst	Semeion Packharst	Jonathan Hoyt
Joseph Kinne	Jonathan atherton	David Ames
Sameull Burditt	Thomas Burditt	Isereal Hoyt

[In H. of Rep., Feb. 12, 1780, a hearing was ordered for the next session.—ED.]

[8-157] [*Petition of the Selectmen relative to assessing Taxes: addressed to the General Court, Jan. 26, 1780.*]

Humbly Shew that where as About Three years agoe the Honourable Cort was Pleas^d to Authorise Cap^t Caleb Clark to open a meeting in said Town in order to Inable us to Lavy And Collect Taxes for s^d State where fore we desire your Honours would Impower the Inhabitents of S^d Town with previledges of other Towns In Regard of Colleting ther Taxes for the Term of Three years more And we your Humble petitioners in duty Bound Shall Ever pray

Jabez B. Barney	} Selectmen
W ^m Arwen	
Benj ^a Briggs	

An Inventory of The Real Estate of the Non-resident Proprietors mening their Hundred acer Lots together With 100 acer Lots Belonging to the Inhabitants

	acer	No		Price
James M ^c Hurd Esq ^r	100 Lot	32	Range 7 South	£14
Nath ^l Rogers Esq ^r	100 D ^o	25	Range 5 D ^o	14
Eben ^r Brown	D ^o Lot	16	Range 2 D ^o	14

	acer	No		Price
Eben ^r Craft	D ^o	Lot 11	Range 1 D ^o	14
Isaac Fellows	D ^o	Lot 10	Range 1 D ^o	14
Jesse Spaulding Ju ^r	D ^o	Lot 9	Range 1 D ^o	15
Rob ^t Washburn	D ^o	Lot 8	Range 1	15
Tho ^s Gray	D ^o	Lot 6	Range 1	14
Will ^m Ferriman	D ^o	Lot 3	Range 1	12
Ale ^x Miller	D ^o	Lot 2	Range 1	14
Eben ^r Child	D ^o	Lot 1	Range 1	14
Sam ^l Addams	D ^o	Lot 37	Range 2	14
Jacob Fellows	D ^o	Lot 38	Range 3	12
Ephraim Jones	D ^o	Lot 39	Range 3	12
John Larrabe	D ^o	Lot 1	Range 1 North	14
Joshua Dunlap	D ^o	Lot 2	Range 1	12
Ezekiel Pierce	D ^o	Lot 3	Range 1	12
Elishe Payne	D ^o	Lot 4	Range 1	12
Curtiss Spaulding	D ^o	Lot 5	Range 1	14
Eliphalet Dyer	D ^o	Lot 6	Range 1	14
Arther Morey	D ^o	Lot 7	Range 1	14
Ephraim Spaulding Ju ^r	D ^o	Lot 8	Range 1	12
Timothy Larrabe	D ^o	Lot 9	Range 1	12
Daniel Ringe Esq ^r	D ^o	Lot 10	Range 1	12
Simon Fobes	D ^o	Lot 11	Range 1	12
Nemiah Stevens	D ^o	Lot 14	Range 1	14
Daniel Foster	D ^o	Lot 15	Range 1	14
Richard Smith	D ^o	Lot 16	Range 2	15
W ^m Darby	D ^o	Lot 17	Range 2	14
George Wintworth	D ^o	Lot 18	Range	12
Wil ^m Fernam	D ^o	Lot 19	Range 2	14
Tho ^s Stevens	D ^o	Lot 20	Range 2	12
Jabez Ensworth	D ^o	Lot 21	Range 2	12
Sam ^l Chandler	D ^o	Lot 22	Range 2	12
Nath ^l Pierce	D ^o	Lot 23	Range 3	12
Andrew Backus	D ^o	Lot 24	Range 3	12
Richard Sattington Esq ^r	D ^o	Lot 25	Range 3	12
Benj ^a Hurd	D ^o	Lot 26	Range 3	12
Benj ^a Cary	D ^o	Lot 27	Range 3	12
Sam ^l Drown	D ^o	Lot 29	Range 3	12
John Cady	D ^o	Lot 28	Range 3	12
Daniel Payne Ju ^r	D ^o	Lot 30	Range 4	14
W ^m Whiting Esq ^r	D ^o	Lot 31	Range 4	14
James Bradford	D ^o	Lot 32	Range 4	14
Very Roise	D ^o	Lot 33	Range 4	12
John Green	D ^o	Lot 34	Range 4	12
Joseph Shepard	D ^o	Lot 35	Range 4	12
Daniel Warner	D ^o	Lot 36	Range 4	12
David Shepard	D ^o	Lot 37	Range 5	12

	acer	No		Price
Elkanah Cobb	D°	Lot 38	Range 5	12
W ^m Barns Esq ^r	D°	Lot 39	Range 5	12
John Pierce	D°	Lot 40	Range 5	14
Elkanah Cobb Ju ^r	D°	Lot 41	Range 5	14
Joseph Eaton	D°	Lot 42	Range 5	14
Sam ^l Gray	D°	Lot 43	Range 5	14
Elisha Pirkins	D°	Lot 44	Range 6	14
Zadock Spaulding	D°	Lot 45	Range 6	14
Ichabod Omsby	D°	Lot 46	Range 6	14
Jesse Spaulding	D°	Lot 47	Range 6	12
John Fuller	D°	Lot 48	Range 6	12
Ephraim Spaulding	D°	Lot 49	Range 6	12
Thom ^s Simmes	D°	Lot 50	Range 6	12
Nathan Waldo	D°	Lot 51	Range 7	12
Abiel Leonard	D°	Lot 52	Range 7	12
James Brown	D°	Lot 53	Range 7	12
Benj ^a Spaulding	D°	Lot 54	Range 7	12
Sam ^l Doms Ju ^r	D°	Lot 55	Range 7	14
John Douglass	D°	Lot 56.	Range 7	14
Bery Clark	D°	Lot 57	Range 7	14
Sam ^l Chandler	D°	Lot 58	Range 8	14
John Windal	D°	Lot 59	Range 8	14
John Williams	D°	Lot 60	Range 8	12
David Payne	D°	Lot 61	Range 8	12
Verny Fellows	D°	Lot 62	Range 8	12
Eben ^r Paine	D°	Lot 63	Range 8	12
Isaac Coit	D°	Lot 13	Range 1	12
Andrew Spaulding	D°	Lot 12	Range 1	10*
George hodge	D°	Lot 12	South Range 1	10*
Daniel Paine	D°	Lot 7	South Range 1	12
Theodor Atkinson	D°	Lot 18	Range 2	14
Joseph Spaulding	D°	Lot 21	Range 3	10*

The Lots mening 100 acer Lots Number 13: 14: 15: 17: 19: 20: 22: 23: 24: 26: 27: 28: 29: 30: 31: 33: 34: 35: 36 Belong To the inhabitants of the town of Cardigan and the improvements Belonging to S^d Lots are Carried in in the inventory of S^d town of Cardigan and after Deduction of The improvements the Remaind at £10: 0: 0 p^r Lot Which amounts to £190-0-0- as Was Prised By us Com^{tee} appointed By the Select men of Canaan and Sworn Before Will^m Ayer Just of Peace Together With the other above and Within Lots as the Stand Prised in the Last Colloms in these Pages Test

Jonathan Hoyt } Com^t.
John Parkhurst }

* The improvements out.

[*Inventory, no date.*]

No. of Poles 18 years old & upward	21
Acres of Tillage Land	8
Acres of Mowing Land	18
Acres of Pasturing Land	6
Horses & Mares	10
Colts 3 years old	1
No. of Oxen	4
No. of Cows	18
Cattle 2 years old	13
Cattle 1 year old	10

The above is an Inventory of the Poles and other Rateables of the Town of Cardigan, Taken by us the Subscribers

David Emes	} Selectmen
Sayer Bullok	
W ^m Arvin	

[8-160]

A list or Detale of the Sarvice Done in the army of the united States of America By the town of Cardigan

in the first Place 2 men (viz) Daniel Kinne & Jabez Parkhurst in the years Sarvice

2nd Seven men a tower to ticonderoga in an alarem

3^r thre men a tower to the Creek 2 months

4th Six men a tower to Saratoga at the taking General Burgoyn—

5th one man a tower in a Scouting Party to Coos

Furthermore Six men on the allarm to Royaltown

Test John Parkhurst Town Clerk

N: B: all this Service has Ben Done and No Remittances made Except to the first 2 men in the years Service and the three men the two months Service only What Was paid by the town of Cardigan

[8-161] [*Petition of Inhabitants relative to Taxes, etc.: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

Humbly Shews—

That the General Assembly of S^d State in the Early Period of the late Revolution did lay a Heavy doomage on S^d town of Cardigan as a Rule and foundation Whereon to make the Several assessments (with the other towns in Said State)—

For the Support of the Late War &c: and accordingly Have from time to time Made their Several Levies and Demands on S^d town Both for men and money in support of the Wars and other Charges of Government Which We have Never Ben able to Discharge according to the Demands of S^d State for the following Reasons (Viz) 1st That the inhabitants of S^d town Being Not more than twenty Families at any time and under Very Low circumstances Just Beginning to Settle in S^d town at the Commencement of the Wars have Ben put to Great Shifts and hardships to Support themselves and families and Not able to Bear any Part of the Publick Charge more than What they have Necessarily Ben obliged to do—

2nd That We Never have Ben incorporated With town Privileges and therefore under No Capacity of Levying or Collecting any Tax in S^d town and Consiquently have Not Ben Represented in S^d Assembly

3^d That Notwithstand our inability have During the Wars Ben at Very Considerable Cost and Expende in Scouting and Turning out frequently on allarms upon the Northren Frontiers for all Which We have Never Ben allowed any thing—

4th That During the Wars until Lately We With other towns Have Ben Considered By Congress as Not under the immediate Jurisdiction of the State of Newhamshire as By their Resolve of the 24th of September 1779 may appear (Reference their to Being had) for Which allowances have Ben made By Congress of their Demands on S^d State Which has occasioned the Delay in making application to your honours untill this time—

Whereupon Your Petitioners Humbly Prays your Honours To take their Cause into your Wise Consideration and Grant us Such Relief in the premices as our indigent Sircumstances Justly Call for as you in your Wisdom and Compation Shall Judge Just and Reasonable as your Petitioners in duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

Dated at Cardigan the 9th Day of Decem^r 1783—

David Ames	Joseph Basford	Jenthian Bullock
Barnabas Cady	Sayer Bullok	David Ames Jun ^r
John Parkhurst	Joseph Gushe	Benjamin Briggs
Jonathan Hoyt	william Corliss	William Arwen

[In H. of Rep., Dec 25, 1783, "Voted that the Township of Cardigan be abated one sixth part of the Public Taxes raised since the last proportion." Senate non-concurred.—Ed.]

[8-162] [*Petition of Jonathan Hoyt, relative to taxing Non-Residents: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

Humbly sheweth
that the Inhabitants of said Cardigan are under very great disadvantage Respecting makeing and Keeping in Repair our public Roads and are unable to go through the unavoidable expence attending the same therefore the said Agent humbly prays the Proprietors of said Township may be ordered by this Court to pay the sum of Nine shillings on each original right to be appropriated for the purposes aforesaid—as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Concord Decbr 20th 1783

Jonathan Hoyt agent

[8-163] [*Relative to a Road.*]

Cardigan Oct^r ye 19 AD 1783

We the Subscriber of the s.d Town of Cardigan Request that there may be a Road Laid out and AsStablish^t for the Use of the publick and the Inhabitants of s.d Town Beginning at will^m aldrich Mill in Grafton. Then Running Norwesterly by Cardigan East Pond from thence to Jonathan Hoyt's From thence to Jonathan Sprages from thence Through Col^o Dams Goer to Cap^t Robart Barbers farm From thence to M^r Ingrams in Dogister from Thence Through Lime to Conaticut River Which Road is loock^d out and Partly Cut Through

[8-164] [*Petition of Inhabitants to be incorporated: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

Humbly Shew—

That your Petitioners and other Inhabitants of the affore S^d town of Cardigan have Ben Sent to for taxes Very Large Time & again and Not Being under any Capacity to Raise or Collect the Same for Want of Proper authority in S^d town We Cannot Call a Legal town meeting Nor Chuse a Legal officer (Especially Selectmen) But Notwithstanding our inability We have presumed to Warn meeting sand Chuse town officers Finally We have Presumed to tax the Inhabitants Persuant to the Precepts Receiv^d in 1777 & 1778 and Delivered the Rate Bills to the Collectors and Taken their Receipts theirfor But all to No purpose—

Ergo: Your Petitioners Humbly Pray That your Honours

Would Take it into your Wise Consideration and Grant us an incorporation that We might Be Enabled To answer the Demands of our Lejeslature—

Finally that We may Be Intitled to all the Previliges that the other incorporated towns in this State are Intitled to—

all Which your Petitioners in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

Dated Cardigan Decem^r y^e 9th 1783

P: S: Would Pray your honours to incorporate the town by the Name of Middleton—

John Parkhurst
Jonathan Hoyt
David Ames
Barnabas Cady

Joseph Basford
William Corliss
Sayer Bullock
Joseph gushe

David Ames Jun^r
Jonthan Bullock
Benjamin Briggs
William Arwen

[In H. of Rep., Dec. 25, 1783, a hearing was ordered for the next session.—ED.]

[8-165] [*Petition of Inhabitants for Relief in the matter of Taxes: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

Humbly Sheweth that the General assembly of S^d State in the Early Period of the Late Revolution did Lay a Heavy doomage on S^d town of Cardigan as a Rule and foundation Whereon to make the Several assessments (With the other towns in s^d State) for the Support of the Late War &c and accordingly Have from time to time made their Several Levies and Demands on S^d town Both for men and money in Support of the Wars and other Charges of Government Which We have Never Ben able to discharge according to the Demands of S^d State For the following Reasons (Viz)—

1^t That the Inhabitants of Said town Being Not more than twenty Families at any time (and Now but Sixteen) and under Very Low Sircumstances Just Beginning to Settle in S^d Town at the Commincement of the Late Wars have Ben Put to Great Shifts and hardships to Support ourselves and families and Not able to Bear any Part of the Publick charge more than What We have Necessarily Ben obliged to do—

2nd And that We Never have Ben as yet Incorporated With town Privileges and theirfore under No Capacity of Levying or Collecting any tax in S^d town and Consiquently have Not Ben Rightly Represented in S^d assembly Concerning the Premices

3rd But Notwithstanding our inability have During the Late War Ben at Very Considerable Cost and Expençe in Scouting and Turning out frequently on allarams on the Northern Frontiers, all which We Expect to Bear—

4th That Those few inhabitants Now Dwelling in S^d town are most of them But Lately moved into Said town and having Paid up their Proportion of Taxes in the town to Which They Formerly Belonged Think it a hardship to Pay the Same Tax over again: and Likewise We the Inhabitants first settlers that have Dwelt in S^d town think ourSelves Burdned to pay the whole Tax that is Demanded of S^d town Since the Greater Part of the first Settlers have Removed and Left the town—Whereupon your Petitioners Humbly Pray your honours to take our Cause mening only the inhabitants into your Wise Consideration and Grant us Such Relief as our indigent Sircumstances Justly Call for Which is the abatement of our Back taxes or Such a part their of as you in your Wisdom and Compation Shall Judge Just and Reasonable as your Petitioners in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray—

John Parkhurst	Levi hoyt	Sayer Bullock
Jonathan Hoyt	Nath ^l Briggs	Jn ^o W. Ames
David Eames	Benjamin Briggs	Barnebas Cady
Benjamin Sweat	Stockman Sweat	
Wm Arwen	Joseph Gushe	

[8-166] [*Petition of Inhabitants for Authority to Tax Non-Residents: addressed to the General Assembly, 1785.*]

Humbly Sheweth that We Labour under a Great Disadvantage on the counts of Rodes, the Towns being Vary Mountanus and Rough and the Inhabitents Comeing in heare Very Poor are not able to Rais there bread for there famileys to make them Comforttable. we your humble Petitioners come in to Town Expeting to have the Same previldg of other Towns the proprietors promising to Settle the Town Number of them promist to come and Settle in the town them Selves and come in and Staid while they had Drawd in a few famileys and then with Draw them Selves out of the Town and left their farms Dissolate leaving bhind them about four Setlers To Shurk for them Selves. Sence ther is a few more added to the Number. which makes in the whole fifteen famileys. and them Onley to work on the Rodes. and the bridges are So bad that It is Dangerous for a Horse to pass over them, and for the want of other Nes-sary Rodes to Git to other Towns. have no publick travling Through the Town. The proprietors of s^d Town Cut one Rode through the town and cut it over the mountain where it is Not Used by the Inhabitents of the Town Nor for publick Travling We Your humble petitioners Desire your Honours would Es-tablish Nine Shillings on Every Original Right in Said Town to be laid out on the Rodes to make and Repare them for

the present Year and then fore Shilling a Year untill Said Town is able to make and Repare there own Roades or untill they have as many fammilyls in town as other Town when they are first Incorporated for which we Your Humble Petitioner in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray—

Jonathan Hoyt	William Corliss	Jonathen Bullock
Barnabas Cady	Thomas miner	William Sprage
David Emes	John Briant	Jabez B Barney
David Emes Jnr	Joseph Briant	Benjamon Briggs
William Arwen	Sayer Bullock	Joseph Gushe

[8-167] [*Petition of Inhabitants relative to a Magistrate: addressed to the Governor and Council.*]

We your Humble petioners * * * beg Leave to inform your Honers that one mr John parkhust of s^d Cardigen by his one invention and with his one hand riting drew an instrement to the reprsentitives to be Nomenated to your Honers for a Justes of the peas which is not sattisfactory to the Town there fore your Humble Petioners pray that your Honers wold not apint him to that offic as we think he wold be more the disturber of the peas than apeas maker and as we are few in number and near to Esq^r Airs who has alwais dun our bisnes we think it is better fror us to re main for the present as we are and that in sum futer day that we might have liberty to nominate sum sut-able person to your honers and as in duty bound wold ever pray

Nathan ^{ll} Bridges	Enock Sweat	William Sprage
Joseph guse	Beniaman Sweat	Jonathan Sprage
Jabes Barney	Enock Sweat Junr	William Curtis
David Ames	David kinney	William gilman
Barnabas Cadey	Josep Basford	
Jonathan Hoyt	Silas Harris	

the number of voters are twenty three and no more
dated Cardigan february 17th AD 1785

[8-168] [*Petition of Inhabitants relative to raising Money to repair Roads: addressed to the General Court.*]

We your Humble Pultionars * * * Do under Take To in form your Honers the Dificultys wee ly under in Suporting the Rhods that Leeds Throw the Town the in Habetance have

moved out of the Town untill thare is But abought Ten fam-
leys left by which wee are Not able To Repair the Rhods So
that Peple Can Pase throw we your Humble Pultioners Hum-
bly Pray your Honers To take the mater in To Consider Ra-
tion and grant That your Pultioners might Tax the Hole of the
Propriortors of S^d Town to the Value of six Shillings on Each
Right in order to mend the Rhods Leding from Canan To m^r
Jonathan Hoits and from Thair to grafton in which we your
Humble Pultionars Ever Pray

Cardigan June 16th: 1787

W ^m Arwen	Jonathan Hoyt	Jabez B Barney
Samuel Bagley	Sayer Bulook	Benjamin Briggs
W ^m Sprage	Enock Swet	Joseph Gushea
David Ames Jr	Enock Swet Juner	Levi Hoyt

[8-169] [*Relative to selling Land for Taxes.*]

State of New Hamshire Grafton ss

to the Honored Sinnet and House of Representatives to be
Convean at pourtsmoth for the yr 1788

I the Humbl petitioner Do Desre to in form your onours that
I have ben trieng to Sel the Land in Cardigan but I find that I
Cannot Sell So as to Setle with the Treasury at present for the
people will not Come to the adurment and there by the Land
Remains that hath not paid to the amount of 1488 ackers be-
sides Sevrall others Small lots which I am in lpes to get the
taxes hoping that you will tak it in your wise Considerashon
and Let me not be hurt for I have tryed my utermost to get the
taxes and I your Humble pietitioner in duty Bound Shall aver
pray

Jonath Hoyt Constable for Cardigan
Jabez B Barney Vendue Clark

[8-170] [*Petition for Authority to raise Money to repair
Roads: addressed to the Senate and House of Represent-
atives, 1788.*]

Seting forth the Difficulties we now lye under on the Ac-
count of Not Having Any Rode fit to travell through the Town
A great part of the people have Sold and Gone out of Town
and left A few people to do All the Labour on the Rodes and
the propriortors do Nothing to help us we your Humble peti-

tioners Desire your Honours would Grant us the privilege of Taxing the Town to the Value of two farthing upon an acre to be laid out in cutting or clearing and mending the Rodes where the Inhabitents shall think it most Convenient for the Good of the Inhabitents in Jeneral as we have Not any passing through the town fiting for any persons to Ride through without being in danger of Braking the Bones where upon if we had the Rodes made Good it would be an advantage to the Town and the Towns Ajoining and save Sum miles Travell for the Upper Town to come through s^d Cardigan as we your Humble petitioners in duty Bound Shall Ever pray—

Cardigan January y^e 24nd AD 1788

W^m Arwen
Jabez B Barney
Jonath Hoyt
Levi Hoit
Samuel Bagley
Simeon Arwen
Alexander Pigsley

Sayer Bullock
W^m Sprague
Nathanell Briggs
Joseph Gushe
David Ames
Benjmin Briggs

[8-172] [*Petition to have the Town incorporated, 1789: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly shews, that there never has been a Legall Grant of Incorporation, made of said Town, either to the Proprietors, or Inhabitants, thereof, altho it hath been considerably settled for more than fourteen years and have been called upon & taxed for State & County Taxes, as other Towns in said State, whereby they suffer great inconvenience, in Assessing their taxes & in doing their other business, necessary for the welfare of said Town—Therefore pray your Honors to Grant them an Incorporation of said Township, as by the lines and boundaries contained in the Charter thereof; to be infranchised with all Powers and Priviledges as Other Towns in this State have and enjoy by the name of Orange (*) & your Memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated the 14th day of October 1789

Nathan Waldo
Cyrus Cleaveland
Nathan Waldo Jun^r
Paul Knap
Nathan Fellows
David Bullock
Samuel Bagley

W^m Arwen
David Ames
Nath^l Briggs
Sayer Bullock
Elisha Payne
Gideon Tiffany

* Liscomb had been written in this place, and crossed out.—Ed.]

[In answer, the town was incorporated, June 18, 1790, by the name of Orange.—ED.]

[8-173] [*Petition for Authority to assess a Tax for repairing Roads: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly sheweth, that the Inhabitants of said Town, suffered great difficulties, & Inconveniences for want of good & convenient Highways, through said Town & the Inhabitants being but few in number, are unable to make & repair, the necessary highways in said Town, without some assistance from the Unimproved Lands; we therefore pray your Honors, to Grant us a tax of one half-penny, upon each acre of Unimproved Lands, in said Town annually for the term of three years, for the purpose of making & repairing Highways, in said Town & your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray signed by

Nathan Waldo }
Enoch Sweat } Selectmen
Sayer Bullock }

Orange January 8th 1791.

[This petition was granted by an act passed Jan. 29, 1791.—ED.]

ORFORD.

The township was granted, Sept. 25, 1761, to Jonathan Moulton, Jr., and others. The conditions of the grant not being fulfilled, the proprietors made an application to the governor for an extension of the time, which was granted Feb. 8, 1772, giving them a further time of three years. Among the first settlers were Daniel Cross, Gen. Israel Morey, and John Mann, about 1765. They came from Connecticut.

The Orford Social Library was incorporated June 16, 1797.

By an act approved June 28, 1837, the farm of John Dana, Jr., was severed from Orford and annexed to Wentworth. Orford was one of the towns which united with Vermont in 1778, and several conventions of delegates from towns east of Connecticut river were held there.

Rev. Grant Powers states that John Mann and wife came

from Hebron, Conn., on one horse, and arrived in Orford Oct. 24, 1765, and that Daniel Cross and wife came from Lebanon, Conn., the June previous.

[*From Gen. Jonathan Chase's Papers, p. 50.*]

At a Convention of Committees from sundry Towns on the Grants east of Connecticut River, held by adjournment at the House of Israel Morey, Esq^r in Orford June 24th 1773—Voted and Resolved that it be and hereby is recommended to the Inhabitants of the Towns on the Grants east of Connecticut River who have lately united with the State of Vermont strictly to comply with and obey those orders which may come to them from Authority of the State of Vermont, or by desire of any General or Field officer on the Continental establishment or commanding officer on this River through the hands of those Military Officers who were latest commissioned over them by the State of New Hampshire.

Voted and Resolved that the Towns east of Connecticut River who have united with the State of Vermont be notified that the General Assembly of said State have passed an act empowering each of the respective Towns in said State to convene on tuesday the seventh day of July next and chuse a justice of the peace in their Town (if they Judge proper) to continue in office untill the next Sessions of the General Assembly, and and that we recommend that the Select Men of the Towns east of said River which have united as aforesaid call meetings in their respective Towns for said purpose on the day above mentioned; and that they be advised to make return of said appointment to his Excellency Tho^s Chittenden Esq^r Gov^r of said State agreeable to the Tenor of said Act.

Voted and Resolved that it be recommended to the Towns east of Connecticut River who have united with the State of Vermont that at a suitable time and place they agree in Town meeting on some proper method whereby the Inhabitants of their respective Towns may be entitled to the privileges of Freemen of said State agreeable to the sixth section in the Constitution, for which purpose we recommend that they appoint and empower some person or persons to administer the oath therein mentioned.

Voted and Resolved that John Wheatley Esq^r M^r Abner Chandler and Cap^t John Young be a Committee to receive & adjust accounts of claims for services done in preparing and completing the Union with the State of Vermont.

N. B. The Accounts as adjusted by the Committee amounted to £66, 2—of which £8—was apportioned for Cornish—

£6, of which to be paid to Sam^l Chase Esq^r and £2.—to Bezaz: Woodward Treasurer—

Whereas this convention at their meeting held at this place last January 28 did recommend that the Towns raise the taxes called for by the Assembly of New Hampshire & pay them into their treasuries to be disposed of under the direction of the Town.

Voted and Resolved to recommend that having collected their proportion of the forty thousand pounds called for by the Assembly of New Hampshire and the sixty thousand pounds called for by the hon^{ble} Continental Congress, the Towns retain these sums in their respective treasuries untill some measures may be agreed on whereby the Towns east of Connecticut River who unite with the State of Vermont may disburse them in an uniform manner.

Voted and Resolved to transmit to the President of the Council of the State of New Hampshire a Copy of the Resolves of the Assembly of Vermont relative to receiving the Towns on the Grants east of Connecticut River into Union with them [see Vol. X, p. 277]; together with the following Letter signed by the Chairman (Viz)

Orford June 25th 1778.

Honored Sir—

The Convention of Committees from the several Towns mentioned in the inclosed copies take this opportunity to transmit to you as President of the Council of the State of New Hampshire a Resolve of the Assembly of the State of Vermont relative to a Union of said Towns &c with them, by which you will be availed of the political situation of these united Towns and others on the Grants who may comply with said Resolve—

We hope notwithstanding an entire separation has now taken place between your State and these Towns that an amicable settlement may be come into at a proper time between the State of New Hampshire and those Towns on the Grants that unite with the State of Vermont relative to all civil and military affairs transacted in connection with the State of New-Hampshire since the commencement of the war to the time of said Union so that amity & friendship may subsist & continue between the two States—

I am Sir in behalf of said Convention with respect—

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Nehemiah Estabrook Chairⁿ

Hon^{ble} M. Weare Esq^r President of the
Council of New Hampshire

Voted that this Meeting be and is hereby dissolved

Extract from the minutes

Attest Beza Woodward, Clerk

[8-176] [*Petition for Authority to raise Money to support a Minister: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

Humbly Sheweth that a very great Proportion of the Lands in said Town of Orford is own'd by nonresident Proprietors, and are wild & uncultivated and of Consequence, not liable to be Tax'd by said Inhabitants, for any purpose whatever and that your Petitioners, notwithstanding they are few in Number, (not exceeding twenty five families) with a vew to promote, as well their Temporal as their Spiritual Interest, have proceeded to Call & ordain a minister of the Gospel in Said Town at their own Expence without the least assistance of any of the nonresident proprietors of said Orford,—that your Petitioners are poorly able to fulfill their reasonable Ingagements in the Settlement & Support of their said minister, and to build a Comfortable House for Divine Service and that by the Settlement of a minister and building Such House the Value of the unimprov'd as well as improv'd Land in Said Orford is and will be much increas'd.

Whereupon Your Petitioners, most humbly pray Your Excellency and Honours to Enact and order that a Tax of two pence lawfull money be Assess'd on Each and every Acre of Land in said orford, as well improv'd as unimprov'd Land, (the publick Rights excepted) Annually for the next four Years and that Your Petitioners be Impowered to levy and Collect the Same of the owners of Said Land, to be, by your Petitioners Expended Solely for the payment of their Said minister's Settlement and Salary as they Shall become Due, and for building a House for Divine Service in Said Orford, or in Some Other way Grant Releif to Your Petitioners, as in Your Great Wisdom You Shall think Just & Reasonable, and they as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

Portsmouth 10th of December 1771.

Alex^r Phelps } Agents
Israel Morey }

[8-178] [*Proposal of the Proprietors relative to Minister's Salary, 1773.*]

Whereas there has been a Petition preferred by the Inhabitants of Orford, to the General Court of this Province, praying that a Tax of two pence per Acre, may be laid on Each Res-

ident & non Resident proprietor's Right or share of Land in said Town, for four years to Come, to Raise money for the Support of the ministry in said Town, and building a house for Publick Worship,—And as it appears to the Proprietors to be a Larger sum than they think will be Necessary and Reasonable they should be Subjected to, but being willing to Give all due Encouragement for the Support of the Ministry, and building a Meeting house, as far as their present Circumstances Require,—Therefore Voted That in Case no tax shall be Granted in Consequence of said Petition, That the Proprietors will pay three Quarter parts of the first and second year's Sallary for the Support of the minister of said Town, and one half of said minister's third and fourth year's Sallary,—or in Case there should be no settled minister there, then for hiring of Preaching—Also one half of the Sum that the Inhabitants of said Town agreed to Give the Rev^d m^r Noble their present minister for his Settlement. Also Ten pounds towards the Expençe the Inhabitants were at in Ordaining said m^r Noble.—

Also one half of m^r Noble's demand for preaching before he was Ordained.—

Also That there be built in said town a proper frame for a house of Publick Worship there of the following dimentions, Viz^t Fifty feet Long, Forty feet wide, with posts of a Suitable heighth for one Tier of Gallary's, and to Board, Shingle, Clab-board, Glaize, and Lay the Lower floor thereof at the Expençe of said Proprietors.—

The above is a true Copy of a Vote of the Proprietors of Orford, which pass'd at their meeting, held at Hampton, by Adjournment the 11th day of January 1773.—

Attest per John Moulton Prop^r Clerk

[8-175] [*Proprietors' Expenditures.*]

For Cutting & Clearing Roads (in 1766)	£5. —
Bounty for building a Grist Mill & Saw Mill	60.
Bounty for 6 Settlers	7. 10.
Paid Dan ^t Tillotson Esq ^r for Highway Work	3.
Paid Israel Morey Esq ^r for d ^o & cutting & Clearing Roads, hiring of preaching &c	138. 19. 6
Paid Dan ^t Tillotson d ^o	10. 2.
Paid Eben ^r Baldwin—	3. 6.
Paid Israel Morey Esq ^r d ^o	10.
Paid Thomas Sawyer	6. 18.
Paid Israel Morey Esq ^r Ditto—	67. 13. 9
Lawf. My—	£312. 18. 3

The Above Sum has been paid to the Inhabitants of Orford, in the Manner, & for the Purpose as above—

Attest Jon^a Moulton Prop^{rs} Treas^r

[8-177] [*Petition of William Simpson for a Ferry: addressed to the Governor and Council.*]

Humbly Shews—

That your Petitioner has been at great Expence in transporting himself & family into the Interior parts of the Province and humbly Prays to be Encouraged by Your Excellency and Honors in his Endeavours to promote the Benefit and Interest of the Settlements in those parts, in particular where he now Lives And as Your Petitioner humbly conceives a Publick Ferry with a proper Boat to transport the Inhabitants of Orford and others travelling over Connecticut River to the Town on the West Side of said River would be of Publick Utility he humbly prays Your Excellency & Honors to grant him the Priveledge of keeping & Supporting a ferry with proper Boat or Boats, with Such further Limitations as Your Excellency and Honors shall think proper to be used in any the most convenient Place within One mile and an half on Each Side of the Town Landing in Orford aforesaid, And Your petitioner assures Your Excellency & Honors he shall Strive to give the greatest Dispatch and Satisfaction to the Passengers, and as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray

July 2th 1773

William Simpson

[Granted March 3, 1775.—ED.]

[8-179] [*Proceedings of a Proprietors' Meeting, 1773.*]

Whereas the Prop^{rs} at their last Meeting held the 11th Day of January Ins^d by Adjournment “Voted to have a Meeting House built in Orford for publick Worship at their Expence,” as will appear by said Vote—& it being Suggested by some of the Prop^{rs} that they apprehended the aforesaid Vote did not clearly determine to whom the Property of said Meeting-House shou^d belong, 'tis therefore considered at this Meeting, & to prevent any Dispute that might have arose on that Account. Now,—

Voted, That it was the Intent, & Meaning of said Proprietors that as they, at their own Expence, propos^d to build said Meeting-House the Property of the same shou^d remain in the same—

The Prop^{rs} at this Meeting taking under further Consideration the Vote which pass^d at their last Meeting, as beforemen

the first of these is the fact that the
the second is the fact that the

the third is the fact that the

the fourth is the fact that the

the fifth is the fact that the

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the seventh is the fact that the

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the eleventh is the fact that the

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tion'd, & being still willing to give all necessary Encouragement for the Support of the Ministry, & building a Meeting House, in said Town, as far as they think their present Abilities, therefor, will admit they thereupon further

Voted, On the Conditions hereafter mention'd, & them only, That if the House of publick Worship be built in said Town, agreeable to the aforementioned Vote—The Inhabitants of said Orford shall have, & own one half of said House & shall also have one half of the Benefit & Advantage of selling the Priviledge for Pews, in said Meeting House.—Or if it shall be most agreeable to the Inhabitants of said Orford—The Prop^s will give & grant unto them, Sixty Pounds Lawf^l M^y towards assisting them, in building such a House for publick Worship there, as they may agree, & determine on among themselves—& the Prop^s to quit their Claim in, & unto Said Meeting House—on the Condition, That the Agents for the Inhabitants of Orford do not any further prosecute any Means, or Measures for forwarding the Petition which they have preferr'd to the General Court as beforemention'd, Nor any Tax whatever, be granted by the General Court in Consequence of that Petition, or any other they may prefer for that Purpose—but that they, the said Agents, accept the Votes of the Prop^s instead thereof—

The foregoing is a true Copy of a Vote of the Prop^{rs} of Orford which pass'd at their Meeting held by Adjournment at Hampton the 15th Day of Jan^y 1773—

Attest—John Moulton Prop^r Clerk

At this Meeting Jonathan Moulton Esq^r declared that whereas he was Owner of a considerable Part of Propriety Interest in the Township of Orford, & that from his Youth upwards he was educated in, & always join'd in the Congregational Method of Church Government, & Worship—& that notwithstanding the present Minister of Orford, is of a different Denomination from his, & settled on a different Plan—Yet he had Voted towards his Support, & building a Meeting House in said Town, which was with the View only, of the Prop^{rs} & Inhabitants uniting therein according the Votes pass'd at this, & the last Meeting—But in Case the Inhabitants or their Agents shou'd not accept the Prop^{rs} Proposals & Offers to them but continue to apply to the General Court, & obtain any Tax therefor—he shall hold himself to be entirely free from paying any Thing towards the Support of said Minister, or building a House for the Maintaining a Mode of Worship &c^a different from his Practice & Profession; & desired that the same might be entered accordingly—

Attest. John Moulton Prop^r Clerk

[8-181]

An inventory of the Poles, stock, improved and unimproved Lands in the Town of Orford taken in y^e year 1779

Number of Poles	47	Number of horses	27
Number of oxen	44	Number of cows	76
Number of 3 y ^r olds	14	N ^o of 2 y ^r olds	38
N ^o of one y ^r olds	42	N ^o acres of improved Lands	708

Value of unimproved Land £4683 at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent £23-8-3.

Attest	Ebenezer Baldwin	} Select Men
	Sam ^l Phelps	

[R. 3-90] [*Soldier's Receipt, 1778.*]

Rec^d of Maj^r Jonⁿ Child by the hand of Col. Israel Morey twelve Pounds four Shillings it being Wages & Rations, for my service in the army at Saratoga in Col. J. Chases Regiment

Obadiah Noble

Orford Jan^y 31st 1778—[R. 3-91] [*Soldiers' Receipt.*]

Received From The Selectmen of the Thown of Orford a full Satisfaction as a bounty for There Quota of Soldiers in the Newhampshire Service under our Seperate Commanders to wit Col^o Moses Hazen and L^t Col^o Reed

Orford March 3^d 1882

Josiah Pratt	Jonathan Pratt	Thomas Haseltine
Ezra Gates	John Lapish	Mical Salter
test Edward Clark		
Paul Adams		

[R. 3-92] [*John Lapish's Discharge, 1783.*]

By His Excellency George Washington Esq^r General and Commander in Chief of the forces of the united States of America these are to Certify that the Bearer hereof John Lapish Soldier in the New-Hampshire Regiment having faithfully served the united States Eight years & being inlisted for the war only is hereby Discharged from the American army. Given at head Quarters the 7th June 1783.

G. Washington

By His Excellency's Command

J Trumbull Jun Sye

Registered in the Books of the Regiment

J Boynton Adjutant

The above John Lapish has been honored with the badge of merit for six years faithfull Service 7th June 1783

Geo Reid L^t Col^o Comd^t.

a true copy attest

Charles Johnston Jus^t Peace.

[Similar copies of discharges were furnished by the following named men :

Jona. Pratt, Fifer, Moses Hazzen's Reg't, 4 years' service.

Corp^t Thos. Haseltine, Hazzen's Reg't, 4 years' service.

Ezra Gates, Hazzen's Reg't, 4 years' service.

Michael Salter, Hazzen's Reg't, 4 years' service.

All of whom were " honored with a badge of merit for four years' faithful service." Their discharges are signed by Benjamin Moores, Adjutant, and are dated respectively June 13, 17, 30, & 30, 1783.—ED.]

[8-182] [*Petition of John Mann: addressed to the Council and House of Representatives.*]

Humbly sheweth

that since the Commincment of the Revolution an Inventory of the Pols and Ratable Estate in said Orford has not been Returned, agreeable to the law of said State in such Case made and Provided that by Means thereof your petitioners have been subjected to a Doomage which they Humbly conceive in Every Instance considerably surmounts their Just proportion of the Public Tax; Notwithstanding which your Petitioners have Exerted themselves so far as to pay into the Treasury of this State a Considerable part of the same, and are still willing and Ambitious to Contribute their full proportion in Defence of the Common Cause—

But think it their Duty herein to address the Lejuslature of this State and are happy in the confidence they Entertain that all Reasonable abatment will bee made in the several amounts of Taxes they have been cal^d upon for since the Revolution aforesaid—and your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall Ever pray

Dec^r 1st 1783

John Mann for said
Petitioners

[8-183] [*Petition of William Simpson and Ebenezer Green: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly Sheweth the Subscribers In behalf of the Inhabitants of the Towns of Orford and Lyme, that the Inhabitants

aforesaid have at their Expence Supplied provisions, pack horses, and forrage for the Support of the different Militia in the defence of the frontiers, also have been at great expence in hiring & supporting Men for Scouting, reconnoitering and guarding, for the defence aforesaid, exclusive of their complying with the requisitions of the General Court of this State—

* * * * *

Wherefore your petitioners pray your Honors will order an enquiry into their Case, & grant them such allowance as shall appear Just & Reasonable, and in duty bound will ever pray

Portsmouth Feb^y 14, 1786

William Simpson—for Orford
Eben^r Green for Lyme

[8-184] [*Petition of Inhabitants of Orford: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly sheweth

That in September 1776 a Precept was issued by your Honors to the legal Inhabitants paying Taxes in the Townships of Lime, Orford Piermont Warren Wentworth & Dorchester, for the Purpose of electing one Person to represent them in General Assembly: also to vote for a Person in the County aforesaid as a Member of Council—That your Petitioners were then desirous of complying therewith, but that the strenuous Oppositions of the Towns with which they connected, unhappily prevented it.—

That agreeable to the Precept issued September 1777, the Inhabitants met; & voted not to comply with said Precept—That your Petitioners were then also for Compliance, but being overpowered by the adjacent Towns in Numbers, are deprived of that inestimable Privilege Representation

That the present Opposition fomented & subsisting in the District make it impossible for us to be represented in General Court.

That notwithstanding your Petitioners are labouring under Grievances repugnant to their inherent Rights & Privileges, they have ever been willing to contribute their just Proportion, in Support of the present unhappy War.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honors to take the Matter into Consideration, & point out some Way, whereby they may be represented in General Assembly. And your Petitioners shall ever pray—

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Orford on December 16th 1777, warned for the following Purpose, (viz) to see if the Town will agree to prefer a Petition to the

Gen^l Assembly of this State, praying their Honors to point out some Way, in which they may be represented—at the same Meeting Voted, Nem. Con. that the Hon^{ble} Israel Morey Esq^r be an Agent to prefer the above Petition to y^e General Assembly—
Sign'd per Order

Davenport Phelps, Moderator.

Attest. Nath^l Rogers Town Clerk

[8-187] [*Relative to suppressing Thistles, 1795.*]

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Orford held on Monday the 18 day of May 1795—Voted that the Select men be & they are hereby directed to present a petition to the General Assembly of the State of N. Hampshire at their Session to be held at Hanover on the first Wednesday of June 1795 praying their honors to adopt some measures to prevent the growing of thistles in this State

A True Copy of Record, Attest Jared Mann Town Clerk

To the Honorable General Court of the State of New Hampshire convened at Hanover on the first Wednesday of June 1795 the Petition of the Town of Orford humbly Showeth, That a certain weed called Thistles are very destructive to this part of the State, and do increase very rapidly by Standing till their Seed is ripe when the Seed is carried by the wind to a great distance; by which means they are like to over run the whole Country; when the cutting of them, close to the ground in proper Season would effectually prevent their getting ripe & Spreading in the manner afforesaid: & the old root whose top is so cut off, dies; by which means the whole might be totally destroyed out of our Country in a few Years, were it a law to Oblige every person to cut them as afforesaid—therefore we pray your honors to take the matter into consideration and adopt Such measures as your honors in your wisdom shall see fit, and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

Theod Dame } Select men of
John Mann J^r } Orford

[8-188] [*Petition for Incorporation of an Academy, 1797: addressed to the General Court.*]

Respectfully Sheweth the Subscribers, that at a Considerable Expence of Individuals, an Elegant house is completed within the Town of Orford, for to Encourage the Educating youth,

In the Several branches of Literature, and an Instructor Employed for that purpose; for the carrying into execution and fully completing their laudable design and Intention, they are of opinion, that the aid of the legislature is necessary and will be readily granted, by Indulging the proprietors of the Said House with an Act of Incorporation, to be known by the Name of the proprietors of Orford public School, with Similar privileges Regulations and Restrictions, as have heretofore been granted to others by former Legislatures, in this State,

And as in duty will pray

Joseph Pratt
W^m Simpson
John Mann

Orford June 1st 1797

[In H. of Rep., June 10, 1797, "Voted that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly." Senate non-concurred.—ED.]

[1-189] [*Petition of John Mann, Jr., relative to the School: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly sheweth—That at the session of the General Court in June last past, Messrs Joseph Pratt, William Simpson, and John Mann Esquires presented a petition to the Hon^{ble} General Court, praying for themselves and others, an Act of Incorporation for a Public School in Orford, the Prayer of which Petition was heard and granted by the Hon^{ble} House of Representatives; Yet for some reasons which to them appeared Sufficient, the Hon^{ble} Senate did not concur with the same—Your Memorialist therefore prays this Hon^{ble} Court to take into their wise consideration the Substance of said Petition; as he flatters himself he shall be fully able to satisfy the Hon^{ble} Senate respecting the doubts that were formerly in their Minds—and your memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray—

John Mann Jr—in behalf of the Petitioners

Portsmouth 24th Nov 1797

[Leave was granted to bring in a bill, Nov. 28, 1797. ED.]

[8-191] [*Petition for incorporation of the Academy: addressed to the General Court.*]

Most respectfully represents, the subscribers, in behalf of themselves and others, that, they have for the promoting and

encouraging Literature, within the town of Orford in the County of Grafton; at very considerable expence erected and completed buildings, for that purpose and have expended considerable sums annually, in hiring teachers, for the purpose aforesaid, which laudable design or institution, of their's cannot, thoroughly, be prosecuted, without the aid of the legislature.

Wherefore, they pray that the honorable Legislature will take the same under their consideration and grant them a charter of incorporation, under like restrictions and reservations, as have been heretofore given and granted, to Academies and public Schools within this state. For want of such incorporation, the design of your petitioners, is at this juncture, much retarded; as they cannot without it put the school under such necessary regulations as to make the same upon a respectable footing, with other institutions; neither can they have the privilege of sundry donations, which will be readily made if the act of incorporation can be indulged them.—

They beg leave further, to request your Honors, that, upon perusing the article, in the Constitution of this state, granting the power of encouraging Literature, to the honorable Legislature, they were the more encouraged to proceed and advance money for the purposes aforesaid. And being very sensible that former Legislatures have readily granted their aid in such respects, to many towns in this state, they cannot harbour the least idea, that their petition will be denied them. Therefore, relying on the indulgence and attention, of the honorable Legislature to their request, they most respectfully submit the same, not doubting, but, with strict and firm belief in the fullest expectation, that the same will be granted.—

Dated at Orford this 3rd day of June 1799.

John Mann	William Butman	Bethuel Cross
Sam ^l Morey	Jon ^a Sawyer	Icherbod Sawyer
Simon B. Bissell	Alexander Storey	
John Mann J ^r	George Ropes	

Committee or Trustees for the Proprietors.

[In H. of Rep., June 14, 1799, leave was granted to "bring in a bill." The senate laid it over until the next session, and then non-concurred.—Ed.]

OSSIPEE.

The town was incorporated Feb. 22, 1785, previous to which the territory went by the name of Ossipee Gore. A

portion of said territory, which was not included in the incorporation, continued to be called Ossipee Gore until it was annexed to Effingham Dec. 23, 1820.

The name is derived from a tribe of Indians who once resided in the vicinity of the lake, relics of whom have often been found since its occupancy by white men.

By an act approved Jan. 13, 1837, the farm of Wentworth Lord, together with some other territory, was severed from Ossipee and annexed to Tamworth. A portion of the same land was severed from Tamworth and re-annexed to Ossipee June 22, 1859.

[8-192] [*Petition for an Act of Incorporation: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of a Place called Ossipee Gore—Humbly sheweth that your Petitioners labour under many Inconveniencies for want of an Incorporation, wherefore they pray that the said Ossipee Gore bounded as follows, Beginning at the southerly corner of said Gore and runing bounding on Wolfborough to the North Corner thereof, thence by Tuftinborough to the north corner thereof, thence on a Straight line northerly about two Miles to the westerly corner of Lot Number One hundred and Eleven in said Gore, thence North east until it crosses Bear camp River on the Northwest line of Lot Number one hundred and Seventeen, thence turning and runing on the line of said lot: number one hundred and seventeen and lot number one hundred and one easterly straight until it strikes six mile River, thence by said River to Ossipee Pond, thence southerly and easterly by said Pond and the outlet thereof to Leavits town northwest line, thence southerly by said line to the westerly corner of said Town of Leavits town, thence easterly on the southwest line of said Town to the South east Corner of said Gore, thence Southerly on Wakefield line to the bound begun at, may be incorporated into a Town by the name of Ossipee and that the Inhabitants thereof and their Successors may be invested with all the priviledges & Immunities Similar to other Towns within this State.—

Your Petitioners also beg leave humbly to show that their Settlements where chiefly began & have been prosecuted during the late war, the Inhabitants being most of them in low circumstances and subject to all the Inconveniencies and hardships incident to the begining settlements in a new & uncultivated Country under such a situation, as also having their unimproved Lands much of which being mountains, Heaths & Ponds, taxed at an equal Rate with Lands in other places of much superior

Quality, yet they have struggled through the expences of finding their Quota of Men in the Army & their Beef Tax but were totally unable to discharge their State Tax for the years 1782 & 1783 which yet remains unpaid & your petitioners humbly conceive that they are wholly unable to pay said arrearages & carry on their Settlements, & pay the present & succeeding Taxes, wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray your Hon^{ble} Court to take their Circumstances into consideration & abate them their Arrearages for the years aforesaid, trusting in future under the Advantages of an Incorporation & their increasing strength they shall be able to pay their full Quotas of all Taxes.—

And your Petitioners shall ever pray.—

Ossipee Gore October 20th 1784

Jacob Brown	Joseph Ames	Samuel —
Josiah Poland	Noah dow	Jacob Williams
Winthrop Smith	Ebeneser hall	John Scagel
Andrew Folsom	Nathaiel Brown	Richard —
John Sanderson	Joseph Pitman	Cornelius Densmoor
John Cooley	Jabez garland	

[The town was incorporated Feb. 22, 1785.—ED.]

[8-193]

To the pay Master of Cap^t Jacob Smith Company in Col^o Rolnolds Reg^t in the year 1781

Sir ples to pay Daniel Cook or his order all that is Due to me from the State of Newhampshir I having been a Soldier in the aforesaid Company and for Value Rec^d Witness my Hand

Eliphalet Sias

osseppée gore Jenury 20th 1785

Feb 19 1785 6. S. 8.

[8-194] [*Petition for Abatement of Taxes: addressed to the General Assembly, 1788.*]

Humbly shew that in the year 1783 they were called upon to pay into the Treasurey of said State £74.19.11. and in the year 1784 for £28.6.8. both which Sums to be paid in Gold or Silver, or Certificate^s for Interest on the publick Securities of this State, or Orders drawn on the Treasurey At which Times the Inhabitants of said Ossipee were under no Incorporation as a Town, neither had any Town Officers whereby said Sums coul'd be legally assessed, that the same yet remains unpaid & the Town threatned with an Extent—Although said Sums appear small & the Delay long; yet your Petitioners humbly con-

ceive that there is such a Disability on the part of the Inhabitants to pay their parts of said Requisitions as (if known) wou'd induce your Hon^{ble} Court to grant Relief.

It is a fact well known that a very considerable part of the present Inhabitants of said Ossipee were poor People put on as Settlers by the Proprietors.—

That said Settlers were not only men unacquainted with the new Country in General, but men of small Abilities, unable to procure even a bare Subsistence for themselves & Families, without the Assistance of a few Industrious Inhabitants in Town;—that those few have not only been obliged to relieve the common Necessities of the Rest, but also to be accountable for their Taxes;—for should a Distrain for Taxes take place upon these poorer People beforementioned, who have at most but one Cow each: such a Destrain wou'd render a considerable number a public Burden to the Town, & woud in time deprive those who are now able, of the means of paying Taxes in future—Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon^{ble} Court would abate such part of said Sum as belongs to the Inhabitants to pay being one half the whole of said Sums; or otherwise grant your Petitioners Relief by Delay of Payment as to your Hon^{ble} Court shall seem meet—and your Petitioners shall ever pray.—

Ossipee May 26. 1788

Joseph Fogg	} Selectmen
Winthrop Smart	
Andrew Folsom	
	} of
	} Ossipee

[8-195] [*Petition for Authority to raise a Special Tax: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly sheweth that wharas the grater part of the land in s^d town is owned by Gentlemen living out of town and but few inhabitants & the roads so extensive puts it beyond the powar of the inhabitants to support them—the Main road through the Town is Eighteen miles in length and interspersed by many rapid streams & a large propotion of healthy Lands which requiars large & costly causeways and but sixteen families living on s^d road besides many crossroads allready laid out and others nessessary to bee laid out & dun to acomidate the setlers of s^d Town & publick.

Tharefore your petitioners Humbly Pray Your Hon^{ra} would take under consideration the bad situation of s^d Town and grant that a tax of a penny Pr acor be laid on all nonresident lands in s^d Town for the tarm of two yeas for the purpos of making

& repairing s^d roads—or grant such relief as you in your wisdom shall think proper.

And your petitioners as in duty Bound shall ever pray—

Ossipee May 28th 1791—

Levi Dearborn } Select
John Adams } Men

[Granted Dec. 21, 1791.]

[8-197] [*Petition of John Costelloe of Effingham, relative to a Discovery of Iron Ore: addressed to the General Court Jan. 7, 1790.*]

Humbly Sheweth—

That your Petitioner has discovered in Ossipee pond & adjoining a large Quantity of Iron Ore—that at a considerable expence he has erected a Forge or Iron Works, for the trial of said Ore—which upon trial affords Iron equal in Quality, (in the opinion of good judges) to that imported from Philadelphia.

And as a Furnace in that part of the State for Refining & casting would be of public utility, & save money in the State—he most humbly prays your Honors for some encouragement to enable him to erect a Furnace—by a Grant for that purpose—or by loaning him a sum of money, upon good Security to be refunded in a certain number of years without interest—or otherways encourage your Petitioner as to your great wisdom may seem politic & advisable, & he as in duty bound will ever pray—

John Costelloe

PELHAM.

The township was incorporated July 5, 1746, and comprised portions of the old Dunstable grant and Dracut. The bounds given in the charter are as follows:

“Beginning at the Boundary Pitch Pine Tree made by Mr Mitchell and runing on the North Boundary Line of the Massachusetts untill it comes within two miles & eighty rods of Merrimack river Then North Twenty Degrees East, to Londonderry then by Londonderry East South East five miles & one hundred & forty rods then South to Methuen Line and to meet the Curve Line called Mitchells Line then by s^d Curved Line to the Pitch Pine Tree where it began.”

The name was given in honor of the Duke of New Castle, Thomas Pelham Holles. Settlements were made about the year 1722 by John Butler and Wm. Richardson, the latter a native of Chelmsford, Mass.

The following Pelham men were in the 1st N. H. Reg't in the war of the Revolution:

Sergeant Daniel Gage, entered December 29, 1779, discharged December, 1781.

John Greeley, entered March 9, 1781, discharged December, 1781.

John Lovering, entered April, 1781, discharged December, 1781.

The latter served also in 1782.

In answer to a petition from 53 of the inhabitants, the town was divided into two parishes, for church purposes, January 4, 1787, but the act was repealed in 1792, on the dismissal of the Rev. Amos Moody, and the town again united as one parish.

Pelham was severed from the county of Rockingham, and annexed to the county of Hillsborough, by an act approved December 10, 1824.

[8-198] [*Petition of Inhabitants of Pelham and Salem for a Grant of Land: addressed to the Governor and Council.*]

Sheweth—

That your Petitioners Are Inclined to venture into the woods And make Settlements of a town, that for themselves & familys, they are not Accomodated in the towns Where they Dwell, that the Land there is so mean and Broaken Cannot for their Own Nor the Goverments Advantage Enlarge their Improvements—

That their is in this Province Great Quantitys of his Majestys Lands Unappropriated, & Lyes Wast and till Improved will be Useless, Capable of Improvement and Enlarging—the Strength of the frontiers, Where Your Petitioners would willingly venture, And make Settlement under the Like Conditions as other his Majestys Subjects Receive Grants—

Wherefore Your Petitioners Humbly pray that they may Have a Grant of Land of the Contents of Six miles Square in Some Convenient place Capable of making a good Settlement, Within his Majestys Lands afores^d under Such Conditions & Limitations As Your Excellency Grants to Others and that Tho^s Packer Esq may be Admitted On Our Behalf to prefer

this Our Petition and On Our Behalf do everything Necessary for the Claming the Same and Assertaining the place where the Same may Lye. And Your Petitioners as in duty bound Shall pray.

July 16: 1750—

Pelham

William Richardson	Amos Richardson	Josiah Hamblet
Joseph Hamblet	Zeachriah Colburn	Jonathan Kimball
John forgison	Daniel Gage	daniel Colburn
Thomas wyman	William Elliot	Thomas Gage
Josiah Gage	Nehemiah Jaques	Rice Molten
Simon Beard	Jabesh Gage	henery Richardson
amos Gage	John Baldwin	William Richardson
David Jones	Ebeneser Jaques	Juner

Salem

Ebnz Ayres	Nath ^l Dow	Richard Dow
Seth Pattee	Richard Kimball	Ralph Hall
Abner Bayly	John Hall J ^r	John Bayly
Peter merril	Richard Patee	Edw ^d Bayly
Henry sanders	Daniel Dow	Sam ^l Parker
John Merrell	Oliver Kimball	W ^m Sanders
Alexander Gorden	John Lowell	Tim ^r Swan
Jonathan Corlies	W ^m Kelly	John Ober

[R. 3-100] [*Petition of Phebe Gage: addressed to the General Court, 1758.*]

The Petition of Pheabe Gage Reilick Widow To L^t Thomas Gage who Deceas^d in the said province Service at Lake George October y^e: 8^d: 1756: Humbly Sheweth: and Prays this Honourable Court that She may be allowed a Reasonable sum for her said Husbands Gun: which how it was Disposed of at his Death She hath not as yet had any account: and Therefore further Prays that this Honourable Court would take her Humble Petition into their Wise Consideration and Grant her some Reasonable allowance she being Left with a Large famaley of Children: your Humble Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever Pray; &c

Pelham March y^e: 17^d: 1758

Pheabe Gage:

[In H. of Rep., March 23, she was allowed £10.—ED.]

[R. 3-101] [*Petition of William Bell, Soldier: addressed to the General Assembly, 1758.*]

The Humble petition of William Bell of Pelham In said Province—Shews—That your Petitioner was an Enlisted Soldier in this Governments pay in 1757. under the Command of Cap^t Hercules Mooney, & had the misfortune to be taken In the Seige at Fort William Henry, & Carried to Canada from thence sent to Halifax, from thence to Boston, & by the kind hand of an over Ruling providence got home sometime in Nov^r Last. * * *

William Bell

[He asked for an allowance for loss of clothes, etc., which was granted to the extent of £18, 15.—ED.]

[R. 3-103]

[In a petition addressed to the general court in 1760, Francis Knowlton, of Pelham, stated that he “was an Inlisted Soldier In the Provincial service In Cap^t Nehemiah Lovewells Company, In y^e year 1759. That your petitioner Continued In s^d Servis till y^e 24th of Septemb^r Last.” He further stated that he was sick at Albany Flats, and came home as soon as he was able to march. He asked for his wages, and was paid £7, 10, sterling.—ED.]

[R. 3-104]

[*Soldier's Bounty.*]

In Committee on Claims July 31, 1782—

The Bounty advanced by Pelham to Reuben Hamblet was Twenty pounds Nine shillings which Sum was deducted from his depreciation acc^o

Ex^d per Josiah Gilman Jun^r

[8-199] [*Petition of the Committee of Safety and Selectmen: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers (being the Committee of Safety and Selectmen for the Town of Pelham)

Humbly Sheweth—

That we your Petitioners are at all times, under an anxious Concern for the Wellfare, Peace, & Safety, of their much In-

jured Country and more Especially at this time, from an Apprehension of the mischief, and Bad Consequence, which may follow upon, So many of General Burgoynes troops Deserting into the Country, for they are Daily Traveling, 3 or 4 or half a Dozen at a time, Through all these Parts, which we find, Gives Great Uneasiness to the Inhabitants, in General, within the Compass of our knowledge &c—and many are the Evils that may follow—and first, we are Apprehensive, that their want of food, and Clothing, may Excite them, to Rob, & Steal, from the Inhabitants, and 2^{dly} which is worse, that they may, (when an opportunity Presents) Join with, and Carry on, Some Very Secret, and Destructive Plot, of our Domestic Enemies, (the Ugly Tories—) against the United States of america—and we think it Very Unnecessary for the Continent, to be at the Cost of keeping a Guard Round Said Troops, that Lets them flock off, by fifties & Hundreds, and Doth not Restrain any of them—Therefore your Petitioners Humbly Prays your Honours Consideration upon the matter of this Petition, and (if it be Consistent with the will of your Honours,) Issue out orders thro' this State for all Such Deserters to be Taken up, & Carried Back, to their Respective Regiments, upon the States Cost, or to Confine them in Close Goals, or any other method that you in your great Wisdom Shall See fit—to Prevent their Desertion & Execute Justice to the Deserted—&c—and as we are in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

John Mussey	}	Committee of Safety
Aaron Wyman		
Josiah Gage		
Bar ^a Gibson		
Asa Richardson		

Josiah Gage	}	Selectmen
Daniel Barker		
J. Butler Jun ^r		

[8-200] [*Petition of Inhabitants of Pelham: addressed to the Committee of Safety, 1777.*]

Humbly Sheweth

That Whereas the Authority hath made Requisition of the Town of Pelham, for the Number of Seventeen men to Serve in the Continental Army for the Term of three years; In Compliance to the Authority, and the zeal we have for the Glorious Cause of Liberty now Contending for, and being sensible of the Duty Devolving on us, the Town hath been Call^d together,

and in the first Place Voted 20 Pounds Lawful money for Encouragement to each Soldier that should Inlist for s^d Term, and on making Tryal Could not obtain them—Therefore the Town thought Proper to Vote an additional Sum of 10 Pounds for farther Encouragement, and yet the men Cannot be obtained—your Petitioners therefore beg Leave to Inform your Honours, that there are Six men Engaged, on Condition that Lt Thomas Hardy may go their officer, and it plainly appears to your Petitioners that if the above s^d Hardy may be appointed; the Proportion of men will be Immediately obtained, otherways they do Entirely Decline, as they have little or no acquaintance with the officers already appointed, &c—Therefore your Petitioners Humbly Pray, that your Honours would appoint the s^d Lt Thomas Hardy to be a Lieut—as your Petitioners Look upon him to be a man worthy of that Trust—or otherwise Relieve us in our Difficulty as you in your Great Wisdom shall see meet, and we your Humble Petitioners, as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

Pelham April y^e 21st 1777—

Daniel Coburn major
Asa Richardson Capt
Jesse Willson Lt
Nathan Butler Ensign
Robert Nevens Lt

Josiah Gage	} Selectmen of Pelham
Daniel Barker	
Jacob Butler Jr	

Barnabas Gibson	} Committee of Safety of Pelham
Aaron wyman	
John Mussey	

[Thomas Hardy was first lieutenant in the third company of Gen. Stark's regiment at Bunker Hill. Abner Gage, in same company, was wounded in that battle, as was also Seth Cutter. Both were from Pelham.—ED.]

[8-201] [*Petition of the Officers, Committee, and Selectmen of Pelham: addressed to the Committee of Safety.*]

Humbly Sheweth,

That whereas the Authority hath made Requisition of the said Town for a Number of men, to Serve as Soldiers, in the Continental Army, during the war, or in Case that Cannot be done, to Raise them for One year—

In Compliance to the Authority, and being Sensible of the Duty Devolving on us, the Town hath been Call'd together, and in the first Place Tryal was made to raise the men During the War, but without effect.—and Secondly we have Tryed by offering very Extraordinary Hire as an Encouragement to the Men to Enlist for one Year. but Could not obtain them, the reason Given by the men for their not Enlisting for a Year, is, their Time will Expire so late in the year, as to Prevent their Returning in Season, to take care of their Business, by which Means they will in a manner loose the Next Season—your Petitioners beg leave therefore to inform your Honors, that we can Emmediately Procure our full Complement of men, in Case they may be mustered for Nine Months, and Whereas we Expect we Can, and are willing to replace the Same at the end of the said Nine months—which if Truly preform'd we cannot Concieve will be any damage to the State—Therefore your Petitioners Humbly Pray, that your Honors, would give orders to the Muster-master to Muster our Compliment of Soldiers for the Term of nine Months, or otherwise Relieve us in our Difficulty as you in Your Great Wisdom, shall see meet,—and we your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall ever Pray—

Pelham, July 10th 1779—

Daniel Coburn	} Officers
Asa Richardson	
Robart Nevens	
Nathan Butler	
Josiah Gage	} Committee
Thomas Hardy	
Joshua Atwood	
Daniel Barker	} Selectmen
Caleb Butler	

[8-202] [*Petition of Inhabitants of Pelham relative to a division of the State into Counties: addressed to the General Assembly, 1769.*]

Most humbly sheweth that your Petitioners being Informed that the Province is about being Devided into Countys for the ease and benefit of the inhabitants in General in transacting their business of a Publick Nature, and being also informed that the General Assembly have Voted a small County to be set off Adjacent to the Westerly side of Merrimack River, Your Petitioners pray that the Towns of Bow, Chester Londonderry, Pelham Plastow Salem Hampsted & Sandown, which lay Conveniently situated to s^d County may be Annexed

thereto as it would save most of the Inhabitants of said Towns thirty Miles travel in transacting their business with the Courts, Judges of Probate, Register &c And no other person whatsoever would (as your Petitioners conceive) be Injured thereby And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray &c—

Daniel Gage	Samuel Butler	Josiah gage
Ebenezer Palmer	james foster	Richard Barker
Timothy Clark	jesse Hardy	Josiah Gutterson
John Tarbox	Thomas Johnson	Richard Hall
Nathaniel marbel	Robet Nevens	Isaac Webster
Nehemaiah Jaques	Robt Noevens Jur	James Heath
William Wymon	Jacob Butler Jun ^r	Pearce gage
Eleazer Whiting	Jacob Hardy	Josiah gage Ju ^r
Samuel atwood	John Mussey	Daniel Gage Jun ^r
Joseph Wyman Jr	Benjamin Gage	Daniel Colburn
Samuel watts	Joseph Richardson	Joseph Butler
Amos Gage	Jonathan Kimball	Eben ^r Jaques
Hugh Tallant	Josiah Hardy	Joseph Wilson
William Richardson	John Wyman	John Baldwin
Uriah Abbot	Daniel Butler	Daniel Barker
Joseph wyman	Asa Hildreth	John Gibson
Simon Bard	Jonathan Stickney	James Gibson
Jacob Butler	Edward Coburn	Barnabas Gibson
Joshua atwood	Elijah Coburn	Asa Richardson
Philip Hardy	Benjamin Coburn	Eben ^r Barker
Ebenezer Varnum	Philip Richardson	Andrew Barker
Silas Coburn	jun ^r	James Shearburn
Ebenezer webster	David Cumings	Joshua Hamblet
Eri Richardson	Edmund Hardy	mark Gould
Caleb Butler	Edmund Hardy Jun ^r	

[8-203] [*Petition of sundry Inhabitants in reference to a Poll Parish.*]

To the Hon^{bl} Senate and house of Representatives—

This may Certify that we the Subscribers Not having any oppertunity to Sine that Petition before it was sent to your honnours for a Pole Parish In the Town of Pelham we would wish that our Names might be as well Excepted as if thay had Ben Put to the Petition as we are Jointly Conected in the Same Boddy

David Johnson	Jonas Richerdson
Paul Tenney	William Johnson
James Foster	Ebeneser Richerdson
Samuel Richardson	Jeremiah Gage
Samuel gains	

[8-204] [*Vote of Town relative to Poll Parish.*]

At an Ajournment of a Town Meeting Sep^r the 5th 1786
Voted not to send a man to Court in Answer to a Protion for a
Poll Parish

John Ferguson Town Clerk

[See introduction, page 143.—Ed.]

[8-205] [*Relative to a New Parish.*]

at a Town Meeting april 28th 1783—

2ly Voted to Excuse all those of Their Minister Rate for the
future who hath or Shall Sign their Names a Gainst the Rev^d
M^r Moody voted that one Month from the date here of is Given
to those who hath not Signed to Sign for or a Gainst the Rev^d
M^r Moody

at an Adjournment of a Town Meeting to the 27th day of
Febuary 1786

3ly Voted to Give Liberty for a Pole Parrish in said Town

A True Copsy Test—John Ferguson Town Clerk—

[8-206] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

In Obedience to the Requisition of the General Court of
Octob^r Last for making out the Number of Polls paying for
themselves a Poll Tax

We the Subscribers have Proceeded accordingly and find the
Number to be in the Town of Pelham—155

Joshua Atwood	} Selectmen
Tho ^s Spafford	
Benj ^a Barker	
	} of
	} Pelham

[Sworn to before Josiah Gage, Dec. 27, 1783.]

[8-207] [*Petition of the Selectmen of Pelham relative to the
Observance of Sunday: addressed to the General Assem-
bly.*]

Humbly Sheweth—

That amongst the many Sins of this land against the Su-
preame being the Breach of the Lords Day is very nottorious:
persons are So bold and Insulting that if an officer So much as
mention the Breach of Sabbath he is treated with threats &

insults, we Beg leave to observe that if the Lords Day ought to be kept holy we think that we have no other place to look but to you our political fathers to make Salutory Laws for the purpose—And whereas the law now in force for the Observation of the Lords Day is insufficient to answer the purpose intended in the first place we think it is not so Explicit as we would Wish and Secondly the fines is not so high as they ought to be; and lastly that there is not officers enough impowered to Execute the Same; For these & some other reasons that might be mentioned—We your Petitioners Humbly pray your Excellency & Hon^{rs} to take the Subject matter of our petition under your wise & Serious Consideration and pass Such a law as may answer the Salutory purpose proposed and as in Duty bound Shall pray

To the Gen^l assembly to meet at Portsmouth the 20th of oct^{br} 1784

Benj^a Barker
Josiah Gage
Jesse Smith

[8-208] [*Petition of Inhabitants of Pelham for a Poll Parish: addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives.*]

Humbly Sheweth that it hath been our unhapy Lot in the Town of Pelham for a Long Time to Live in a Broken and Disagreable Situation with Respect to our Religious Matters in Said Town as we Cannot Receive any Spiritual Edefication from the Preaching of the Rev^{ent} Mr Moody Now Minister in s^d Town and for a Long Time have not attended the Same, But have attended at Windham and elsewhere on Publick Worship which is Very Inconvenient for your Petitioners & Burdenson To others Where we attend—

We further Shew your Honnors we have Made many & Long Trials to Conceliate the Matters or to be Set off by a Pole Perish as we Pay a Very Large Share of the Minister Tax in S^d Town which we think is Very hard & not agreable to the Constitution of the State as we Do not Nor for a Long Time have not attended or been any Trouble to Said Minister or People in there Religious Matters, & as the Town of Pelham have at a Leagel Town Meeting Voted their Consent for a Pole Parish in Said Town, & as we Consider your Honnors to be Guardians for the People & will with Equal Justice Relcave the Distressed—therefore Pray your Honnors to Take our Complaint under your Wise Consideration & grant us a Pole Perish acording to the Vote of Said Town, or grant us Relcaf as your Honnors In

your Greate Wisdom Shall See fit—and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

Dated Pelham June 9th 1786—

Josiah Gage	Aaron wyman	Josiah Gutterson
John Bradford	Jese wyman	Rechard Hall
David gage	Josiah wyman	Abner foster
Isaac Barker	Dudley Hardy	Jonathan Barker
Ebenezer Webster	Nehe ^m Butler	Richard Barker
Jonathan Webster	Daniel Wyman	Stephen Person
Jacob Kemp	Isaac Barker Hatter	Peirce Gage
Asa Hardy	Joseph Baldwin	P: Merrill Coburn
Lot Spaulding	Edmund Hardy	Asa Coburn
Daniel tenney	James Hall	Abner Gage
Eliphelet Hardy	Jesse Willson	William Webber
Caleb Butler	Daniel Willson	Jesse Smith
Jesse Barker	Timothy Davis	Phinehas Merrill
Ebenezer Barker	Zebulon May	Amos Gage
John Nevens	David Butler	

[The foregoing petition was granted, and the petitioners erected into a new parish for church purposes, January 4, 1787.—Ed.]

[8-209] [*Petition of Inhabitants of Pelham to have a Library incorporated: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly Shew that your Petitioners with their Associates have been at Considerable Expence in purchasing Books for the purpose of infusing usefull knowledge in Pelham and finding our selves under Some Disadvantages for the want of an incorporation therefore pray your Honours, that they with Such others as may hereafter Join them may be incorporated into a body politic for the purpose aforesaid under Such Rules and Regulations as are usual in Institutions of a Simular nature—and as in Duty bound will Ever pray

John Ferguson
 Josiah Gage
 James Gibson
 Aaron Hardy
 Daniel Hardy
 Nehemiah Butler

Pelham November 18 1797

[This petition was granted, and the library incorporated December 9, 1797.—Ed.]

PEMBROKE.

The township was granted May, 1726, by the government of Massachusetts to Capt. John Lovewell and 59 others, in consideration of their services in fighting the Indians, and went by the Indian name of Suncook until it was incorporated, November 1, 1759, by the general court of the province of New Hampshire. The petition asking for an incorporation stated that "about sixty familys were settled partly within the Township of Bow & partly at a Place called Suncook & at a Place called Buckstreet." In the act of incorporation the town was named "Pembroke," probably in honor of the Earl of Pembroke. Walter Bryant was authorized to call the first meeting of the inhabitants.

December 17, 1763, the town was divided into two parishes for church purposes—Congregational and Presbyterian.

The following Pembroke men were in the 1st N. H. Regiment:

Noah Emery, entered April 10, 1777, discharged January 1, 1778.

James Muchmore, entered January 23, 1777, discharged January 23, 1780.

Samuel Phelps,* entered January 1, 1777, discharged November 18, 1779.

Capt. Ebenezer Frye was first lieutenant in Capt. Daniel Moor's Co., Stark's Reg't, as organized at Cambridge, April, 1775. He was in the service more than five years.

A dispute between the towns of Pembroke and Allentown, concerning the building of bridges over Suncook river, resulted in the passage of an act, December 24, 1798, extending the line of Pembroke "to the Easterly and Southerly Bank of Suncook River."

By an act approved December 13, 1804, all the territory belonging to the town of Bow situated on the east side of Merrimack river was severed from that town, and annexed to Concord and Pembroke.

[8-232]

[*Petition for a Guard, 1747.*]

The Humble Petition of Sundry Persons Inhabitants of a Place called Suncook in said Province

* Wounded; reported to be at Schenectady January 10, 1778; age 19.

Shews

That your Petitioners live very much Exposed to the Indian Enemy & may with truth & Propriety Say, they get their bread at the Peril of their lives by Reason of the Sword of the Wilderness—there being no place within 18 or 20 Miles from them, from whence they could Expect any help in Case of an Attack from the Enemy—Whereby their Husbandry is greatly Impeded & not only So but they must be Obligated to Quit their Plantations & Come in to Some place or places of Greater Safety unless Supported where they are

That the breaking up of the frontier Settlem^t is a thing of a bad Tendency & Consequence many ways, which is too obvious to need a particular mention as also that it is much better for the Public Safety to keep the Enemy at as Great Distance as possible, and Your Petitioners having at great Expence (to them) bro't their Settlements to a good Degree of Improvem^t are the more unwilling to Quit them wherefore they Humbly Pray that a number of Soldiers May be Sent to Guard & Defend them while they are Cultivating & Improving their Lands and doing their necessary Labours of the Summer Season & be otherways aiding & assisting to them in the usual & Customary way & manner, & they shall as in duty bound Ever Pray &c

Samuel Smith Moses Tyler James Moore Benj^a Holt David Abbot Richard Eastman John Cochran John Nox John Fife Ephraim Blunt Tho^s M^cConnell David Lovejoy John Noyce Caleb Lovejoy Marias Whittemore William Moor W^m Nox James White Aaron Whittemore W^m Nox Sam^l Gott Andrew Gott Joseph Brown Francis Doyn James Man—
moses foster

[The assembly ordered that “eight good effective men” be impressed, and posted at Suncook, to be changed once a month, until the 20th of October, 1747, if need be.—Ed.]

[8-233] [*Petition for Incorporation, 1757: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

The Humble Petition of John Noyce of a Place called Suncook as Agent of Sundry of the inhabitants of said Place & of Bow & Places adjoining.

Shews—

That there are near Sixty Families Inhabiting within the Boundaries of the Township of Bow of the Said Place Called Suncook & a Place called Buck Street which are Situated So

near one another as to be Convenient for a Township but Some of them are upon Lands not within any Township & others within Said Township of Bow by Reason whereof they cannot all join and Act as a Place Incorporated—That they have a Minister of the Gospel Settled among them who has been for a Considerable time Supported by Voluntary Contribution which fall heavy on a few of them while others go free and as they have thots of Building a Meeting House which is now Necessary it will be Still a Greater Burthen on those who are Willing to do all they can to advance the Settlement of the Lands there than if they had Authority to Lay a Just & Proportionable Tax on all who may Enjoy the Benefit of it—

That the Bounds they Propose for a Township are as follows viz on the West by Merrimack River on the North by Sou-Cook River on the East by the Townships of Chichester & Ipsom & on the South by Sun-Cook River within which Limits is Contain'd about the Quantity of Six Miles Square and they are Natural & Suitable Boundaries for a Township—

That it is not Proposed that by Erecting Such a Township the Property of the Lands should be Affected—But as part of Said Lands fall within the Bounds of Bow which is a Township already Incorporated it is necessary the Proposed Incorporation Should be made by a Special Act to Disunite & Exonerate the Said Inhabitants from the Duties of the former Incorporation

Wherefore Your Petitioner in behalf of his Constituents Humbly Prays That a Township may be made by the Boundaries aforesaid & Infranchised with the usual Liberties Powers & Privileges of Corporate Towns in Said Province & Exempted from Subjection to any other Town and that he may have Leave to bring in a Bill Accordingly And he Will Ever Pray &c—

John Noyes

[The town was incorporated by the name of "Pembroke," November 1, 1759.—ED.]

[8-234] [*Consent of Inhabitants of Buckstreet to foregoing, 1758.*]

We the In Habistence of Buckstreet who Shewed oure Desire To be InCoperated with Suncook (So Called) ware and are free and willing for the Same with a pervisal we might be free from paying any Back Rates Either to Province or minester which Thay promised us and now Refuse which we Think

Very unresonable for us to pay their Debts Due Before we
Joyne Being Scarsely able to pay oure own

Thomas Lucas
Thomas Sincklor
John m^cgaffey
David Connor
James Luckus
James Cochran
Daniel Luckos
William Fullerton
John Sinkler
Joseph Sinkler
William Marten
Samuel Connor Juner

[8-235]

[This document is a crude plan of the premises mentioned in the foregoing petition for an incorporation, showing the land proposed to be included.—Ed.]

[8-236] [*Committee relative to action of the Proprietors in the matter of Incorporation.*]

Province of Newhamp^r october y^e 12th 1759

whereas the Proprietors of Bow in Said Province at their annual meeting held at Stratham in Said Province by adjournment on the 2^d Day of this Instant october made Chose of us the Subscribers with others to Joyn with the Inhabatance of a Certain tract of Land Lying between y^e Rivers meremack Suncook & Soncook & y^e Southwest Side of Chichester or their agent M^r John Noyes to Do all that in us Lay to obtain a parish of y^e afore Said Land—Pursuant thereto we humble Beg that your Exelency would be Pleased to grant the petition of m^r John noyes which petition is Signed by him & Dated y^e 6th Day of January 1758 & your petitions Shall as In Duty Bound Ever pry &c

Israel Gilman }
Walter Bryent } Comm^{tee}
Sam^l Lane }

[8-237] [*Petition of David Connor and Thomas McLucas relative to Ministerial Affairs: addressed to the General Assembly, Jan. 14, 1763.*]

Shews,

That the Rever^d M^r Aaron Whittemore as Minister of said

Parish by the Consideration of the Justices of his Majesty's Super^r Court of Judicature, lately recovered Judgment against the Inhabitants of said Parish, for the Sum of near three thousand pounds old Tenor, as an Arrearage of Salary for about twenty Months from the time of bringing his Action, due to [words torn off].

That at the time said Parish was Incorporated, many of the Inhabitants were Presbyterians bred up according to the form of the Kirk of Scotland, who tho' they joind with the Congregationalists, when they could not obtain and Support a Minister of their Own Sentiments in these matters, yet always Intended as soon as a sufficient number of that Denomination were settled in the Parish to settle a minister of their own, One who was Educated in and professd the Principles of the said Kirk, and accordingly for more than Seven Eighth's of the said Time, they had such a Minister, who has continued with them ever since, and is Ordained according to the form aforesaid— That it has been Resolved by the Legislative Authority of this Prov^r and often Determined by the Executive Courts, that the Presbyterians living in any Parish where the Settled Minister is a Congregationalist, attending Divine worship according to their Own Way, (either in the same Parish or Elsewhere,) are by the Law of the Province, exempted from paying towards the Support of such Minister, as well as the Members of the Church of England or the Quakers—

That the sum Recovered as aforesaid is Intirely for the Ministers Service of which the Presbyterians in Pembroke had not the benefit, excepting about two Months, and Many of them who have settled there since, not so much as that, but having a Minister of their own, all the Rest of said time, are Clearly within the Exemption and Saving of the Law aforesaid; and tho' the Judgment aforesaid, was Recovered agt the Inhabitants in General, (it not being the Pla^ts business to Distinguish those Exempted from the rest, for if there had been fifty Quakers there, the Action and Judgment woud have been in the same form against the Inhabitants, and yet in that Case nobody woud have tho't such Quakers Liable to pay towards Satisfying the Judgment,) yet the said Presbyterians, conceive they Ought not to pay, for any more than that proportion of time, while they attended M^r Whittemore's Ministry, which they are willing to do, and for more they humbly Conceive they should not be Subjected by Law—but as many trials in that way, would tend to the Ruin of the Parish, they desire to prevent it by some more Amicable and Summary Method—and tho Such an Equitable assessment might be made, by the Select men, yet being parties and Interested, as it woud be extremely Difficult for them to be Impartial, so few woud be sat-

isfied and acquiesce, with what they should do in that matter— Wherefore your petition^{rs} in behalf of their principals, Humbly pray, that some suitable disinterested Persons, of some other Town or Parish, may be Authorized to Assess said Sum, (which is yet to be Raisd,) on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants aforesaid, and to adjust and Assess the proportion of the said Presbyterians in Equity, according to the time they Respectively sat under M^r Whittemore's Ministry, after the Incorporation aforesaid, or the time of his Settlement after it— and that each Society may for the future be Considered as a Distinct Parish, and Independ^t of One Another, as to the Support of the Gospel Ministry. And that your Petition^{rs} may have leave to bring in a bill accordingly and they will as Duty bound Ever Pray &c—

David Connor } agents
Thomas^{mc}Lucas }

[In H. of Rep., June 2, 1763, the petitioners were granted liberty to bring in a bill. Council concurred with an amendment as follows :—ED.]

In Council June 3^d 1763. Read and Concurred with this Amendment that the Presbyterian party pay their Proportion of Judgment Recovered by M^r Whittemore till they had a Minister Settled by the Presbitery, which is three months and whereas the Parish have Voted to Raise by Tax a Sum of Money to oppose the Prosecution of these affairs, which was as it appears in favour of the Presbyterians, that what ever sum this may amount to, the Congregational party to be exonerated from—

T. Atkinson, Jun^r Sec^y

In the House of Representatives Eod^m Die
Read & Concurred—

A Clarkson Clerk

[See Vol. IX, p. 659.—ED.]

[8-241] [*Petition of Jonathan Dix for a Ferry: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1774.*]

Humbly shews—

That your Petitioner is desirous of improving a certain Place in Merrimack River for a Publick Ferry about three Miles below Merrills Ferry so called, at which Place Your Petitioner humbly begs leaves to represent unto Your Excellency and Honours that there will be the great passing Roads from

the Towns of Hillsborough Heneker Dunbarton and many other Towns even so far Westward as Charlestown. That it will not only Accomodate those Towns with Conveniency of passing but lessen their Distance some Miles in the travelling to Portsmouth the Metropolis of this Province—

Your Petitioner also humbly begs Leave to assure Y^r Excellency and Honours that if he is indulged in this his Petition, he will be very solicitous to provide a proper Boat or Boats to accommodate every Traveller in his passing and repassing s^d River and Otherways Oblige himself to fulfill and perform all such Restrictions and Regulations as Your Excellency and Honours may think proper to lay upon him And Your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray—

Jonathan Dix

Portsmouth Jan^y 21st 1774—

[An elaborate plan of the river, from a point above Horse-shoe pond to a point below Hooksett falls, which accompanied this petition, may be found in manuscript vol. 2, p. 229.—ED.]

[8-239] [*Jonathan Dix recommended.*]

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of Concord, Bow and Pembroke do apprehend it necessary to have a Ferry Established across Merrimack River between Pembroke and Bow at a place called the old Ferry place about a Mile below Garvins Falls; And do think that M^r Jonathan Dix is a very fit person to keep a Ferry there, and will keep a good one.

March the 22nd 1774

Peter Green
And^m M^cMillan
David Gilman
Jn^o Bryant
Sam^l Noyes
Samuel Connor
Peter Robinson
Benja Norris

[8-240] [*Measurements relative to the Ferry, 1774.*]

February y^e 3^d 1774—

We the Subscribers by Jonathan Dix^a Desire have Measured a part of Merrymack River Beginning att Garvins Falls So Called Down the River on the Ice to the mouth of Soucook River So Called and find it to be 192 Rods from thence to the

old Ferry place So Called 128 Rods from thence to the Mouth of the Meeting House Brook So Called 60 Rods from thence to a Large white pine tree Standing on the westerly side of the River on Land of M^r Alexanders 260 Rods Being in the whole two Miles which is an Exact Measure by the Chain on the Ice—

Benjamin Norris Servayor
Stephen Bartlett

[8-242] [*Petition for Ammunition, 1776.*]

To the Honourable the Provential Congress now Setting at Exeter,—

Gentlemen—

We being the Select men of Pembroke and haveing been frequently Importuned to get a Store of Powder of which at Present we have none and There being a number of Men Willing to go in Order to Stop the British Troops and Canadians from Penitrating into the back Settlements of New England Pray Procure Some Powder & lead for us If Possible viz About One hundred w^t of gun Powder & About Half H^d W^t of Lead and About Two Hundred Flints or as Much as Will Answer for the Present Nesesity on Any Terms and Send p^r favour of m^r Aaron Whittemore we have no Store amongst us and men Would make but a Poor hand of Fiteing an Enemy with out Ammunition pray don't fail of Sending if it Can be Procured. we are Gentlemen Your Most Humble Serv^{ts}

Pembroke July 2^d 1776—

Will^m Cochran } Select men of
David Abbot } Pembroke

[8-243] [*Relative to Capt. Mc Connell.*]

Pembroke June y^e 5th 1777—

Whereas it appears that Some Ill minded Persons have a Design to Injure the Chorector of Cap^t Samuel M^cConnell—

we the Subscribers Committee of Safty and Inspection for the town of Pembroke, Do hereby Certify to all whom it may Concern that he has appeared to be a friend to his Country and has all ways Been Ready both in Person and Estate to asist and Contrebut in the Defance of the Common Cause of America—

Jacob Doyne
James Robertson
David Connor

[8-245] [*Petition relative to Capt. McConnell: addressed to the Council and House of Representatives.*]

Humbly Sheweth that whereas Cap^t Samuel McConnell on the 28 of May 1777 Did by a small majority of Votes obtain a Vote for to Represent S^d town in General assembly and as we are Consious to our Selves that he is an Enemy to the Glorious Cause we are now Engaged in and that Such Persons being Introduced into our Publick assemblies will be Atended with the Most Dangerous and Fatal Consequences—therefore pray that your Honnours will take the Subject Matter of this our Petition into Consideration and Grant us a Day of Hearing as Soon as may be Conveniently had and Dismiss said m^cConnell from your hous and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray

Pembroke June 2^d 1777

James Head	Asa Foster	Peter Gilman
Lovell Baker	Joseph Baker	Peter Gilman Jr
Jere ^b Wardwell	Job Abbott	John Carlton
John head	Nath ^l Head	Nathnel Lakman
Thomas Baker	Nath ^l Ambrose	William Carlton
Joseph Swett	Jonathan Bartlet	Asa Foster Jr
David Abbott	Benjamin Holt	

[8-246] [*Statement of the Moderator relative to the Proceedings of a Town-Meeting.*]

Pembroke December 8th 1777

The Proceedings of the Inhabitants of Pembroke at a Meeting to Chuse a Representative on the Above Said day it was Almost Night when the Select men Came to the meeting house and After the Moderator was Chosen it was so Dark in the Meeting house he Could not Read the warrant til he Changed Places with the (Clk) to have the light of a window after he had Read the warrant Richard Bartlet Esq^r Motion'd Against Sending any Representative and was Seconded by Some but he Insisted upon it So much that Although it was against my own mind I put it to Vote to se if they would Chuse a man to Send to Cort there Seemed to be Some more hands ag^t it than was for it but Several men Came forward and said it was no Vote for Some men held up both hands then Col^o Gilman made a Speech and advised to Send a man and then they Seemed in General to be of a mind to Send a man then I Desired them to bring in their Votes for a Representative and Accordingly they

did there was 44 Votes for Col^o Gilman although Some of them I thought had no Right to Vote one of them is not of age Alth^o his father would not tell me when Asked the Question Some Others that Never paid a Tax in the Town Neither were they free holders which I thought had no Right to Vote for a Representative and there was 45 Votes for Cap^t m^cConnell and one for L^t Head the Clerk Spoke and Said it was a Tye and I Spoke So after him and Some of the men Said there was a man Coming that would untie it So both Parties waited with Patience till the man Came in but Clk Bartlet went out of the meeting house to get the man to Vote for Col^o Gilman as I was afterwards Informed alth^o he Did not make out So I waited for the Clerk till he Came in and Asked him If he had Voted and he Told me he had & I told I had not yet So I Voted for Cap^t m^cConnell which made 47 Votes for him with the man's Vote that Came in and Then I Told them that they had made Choice of Cap^t m^cConnell for their Representative and Immediately after that was Proclaimed Both by the Moderator and the Town Clerk—

Several men went away and Seing that Nath^l Head Came forward and Said he was Dissatisfied with the Choice and then they began In a Confused manner to Talk of haveing a Pole Others Said it was not fair to Ask a pole when part of the men was gone home Others Said they had no Right to ask a pole when Three men was Voted for So they began to get Very warm in Disputing it Soon grew Dark Cap^t m^cConnell Spoke and Said he was willing to Throw up his Choice and let the Meeting be Adjourned till the next Day and let the Town Try if they Could Choose Some man that would Please them all: Col^o Gilman Spoke and Said it was little Satisfaction to Represent a Town and but little more than half the people for him but he was for the Meeting going on and Spoke of haveing a Candle and Instantly there was a lited Candle brought into the meeting house and Then Insisted on their haveing a pole Although a great many of the men was gone home which I thought was not proper at that time of Night but Intended they Should have a pole the next Day and as there was two Other Articles in the warrant and in the Confusion the Clerk left the meeting although I Desireded him to Stay a little longer: so I Advised to have the meeting Adjourned Some Appeared warm for it Others Against it So as the Clk: had left the meeting I thought best to Adjourn till the next day at one OClock after noon at the Same place but the Clerk Could not be found Neither Could there be Enterance into that meeting house for the man that had the key refused Giving it up So I went to the meeting house & Called the meeting and Adjourned it to the Other meeting house and then Opened the meeting again &

Some of them Desired a pole which was granted and there was fifty Legal Voters that pol'd for Cap^t M^cConnell to be Representative then I proceeded on the Other Articles & then Dissolved so Immediately Application was made to Col^o Gilman he being one of the Selectmen and haveing the Precept that it might be Sent but he utterly Refused Signing or Giving it up to any man So I Shall leave It to your Honours whether Cap^t m^cConnall was legally Chosen to Set as a Representative or whether your Honours will Send a precept for a New Choice

William Cochran Moderator

Pembroke January 2^d 1778

The Occasion of the foregoing Proceedings not been Sent Sooner was because Some Persons gave out word that they Determined to Break the meeting.

[8-247 and R. 3-105] [*Petition to be annexed to Col. Stickney's Regiment, 1777.*]

To the Hon^{ble} Council & House of Representatives setting at Exeter—

The petition of us the subscribers as well the alarm List as the training Band of the first Company of Melitia in Pembroke, it being the Second Company in Col^o Daniel Moors Regiment humbly sheweth—That your Petitioners live at a distance from the body of the Regiment and at a greater distance from their Colonel which renders the situation disagreeable in many respects—as we lay bordering on Col^o Stickney's Regiment we think it would much more comode us as well as being more convenient to the public to be annexed to Col^o Stickney's Regiment—We therefore desire your Honours will grant Compliance or point out some other Method that your Petitioners may be remedied and as your Petitioners are in duty bound shall ever pray—Decem^r: 30th, 1777—

Asa Foster	Jn ^o Parker	Sam ^l Phelps
Asa Foster Jr.	Joseph Parker	Nathan Holt
Fred ^k Foster	Lemuel Stickney	Jerem ^h Abbott
Joseph Swett	W ^m Carlton	Samuel Abbott Jr
Eliph ^t Swett	Benj ^a Mills	Nath ^l Gilman
Benj ⁿ Whittemore	Rich ^d Head	Peter Gilman Jr
Thom ^a Baker	Sam ^l Kimball	Zeb ⁿ Gilman
Nath ^l Lakeman Jr.	Dean Merrill	Job Abbott
Sam ^l Lakeman	Nathan Noyes	Joseph Emery
Sam ^l Abbott	Aaron Whittemore	Sam ^l Piper
David Lovejoy	Peter Whittemore	Benj ^a Piper

Dan ^l Holt	David Kimball	Daniel Noyes
Nath ^l Head	Benj ^a Jennis	Joshua Kimball
Jn ^o Head	John Carlton	Chandler Lovejoy
Elias Whittemore	Jer ^h Morgan	Caleb Lovejoy
Joseph Baker	Moses Forster	Nath ^l Lakeman
Lovewell Baker	Mitchel Kimball	Nath ^l Ambrose
Jer ^h Wardwell	James Head	Jon ^a Bartlett
Levi Carter	Frye Holt	
Benj ^a Hall	Josiah Haggett	

[In H. of Rep., January 2, 1778, a hearing was ordered for the next session ; meanwhile Colonels Moor and Stickney were to be notified. November 13, 1778, the H. of Rep.,—

“*Resolved*, That the first company of militia in Pembroke commonly called the English Company, be separated and disjoined from the Regiment commanded by the said Col^o Daniel Moore, and be annexed to the regiment commanded by Col^o Thomas Stickney.”—ED.]

[R. 3-107] [*Soldier's Discharge, 1780.*]

— Smith Soldier in the first N. Hampshire Reg^t formerly an Inhabitant of Pembroke County of Rockingham and state of N. Hampshire having honourably and faithfully served in the service of the United States Three years being the term of his Inlistment is hereby Discharged from the Army and is permitted to return to the state of N. Hampshire

Jo^s Cilley Col^o

To whom it may Concern
West Point April 20th 1780

[R. 3-108] [*Capt. Head's Return, 1780.*]

a return of my orders July the 1 y^e 1780

I have inlisted four men to serve in the Continental Servis at Head Quarters for three months viz moses Tyler John Parker Amos Lakeman Fredrick foster all of Pembroke also Levy Carter for Coos Campain also of Pembroke Said Carter is ordered to Pass muster July the 10 the other four at Amherst July 12th

Nath^l Head Cap^t

Pembroke July 10th y^e 1780

[R. 3-109] [Capt. Head's Return, 1781.]

Persuant to my orders I have Raised two men one by inlistment and the other by Draft, Viz Aaron Kimball by inlistment and Gideon Piper by Draft

Pembroke Sept 22th 1781

Nath^l Head Cap^t

To Col^o Tho^s Stickney

[8-248] [*Petition relative to Samuel Daniell, 1782: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly sheweth that whereas your Remonstrancers did present to your Hon^{le} Court at their session in March last a petition praying that Leu^t Sam^l Daniell Might be appointed to the Office of a Justice of the peace but by being then Opposed was postponed to their Next session when a Joint petition from the Inhabitants of Allenstown was presented Upon both which the Committees of your Hon^{le} Court Reported the prayer should be granted Yet Nevertheless the same was opposed which prevented the Report being Accepted; though we Humbly conceive the argument adduced against said petition did no ways prove any Disqualification in said Daniell to be appointed as above but it appears to us your Remonstrancers that the opposition proceeded Chiefly from a motive of private prejudice or self Interest: therefore Depending upon it your Hon^{le} Court Aimes to Act from Nobler Motives then those.—

we your Remonstrancers pray & Petition that your Hon^{le} Court will Reconsider or Reassume the consideration of the Repeated Reports of your committees of the Hon^l Court; on the foresaid Petitions and will Accept & Receive the same as we Humbly conceive the same to be but Equitable Reasonable & Just and we again Recommend said Daniell as being Qualified to a competent degree for said Office and Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall always pray

Pembroke June 17th 1782

William Cochran	will ^m Knox	Andrew Norris
Nehemiah M ^c Daniel	James Cunningham	John Cullimore
John m ^c Daniel	William Fife	Ezekiel Morril
Rob ^t Martin	John White	Jacob Gray
Samuel Gault	James Fife	William Knox,
William Martin	John Fife	William Knox,
Sam ^l Martin	Moses M ^c Connell	David Knox
Thomas Cochran	John Moor Jun ^r	Starling Sargent
Nathan Piper	John man	Simeon Sargent

Nathaniel Piper	Samuel Man	Philap Sargent
John Connor	Willuam Man	John Linord
Daniel lucas	william mertenJuner	John Linord
David Robinson	Robert moor	David Webster
David Connor	Samuel Parker	Samuel webster
Gideon Piper	John Knox	John Webster
Fredrick Worthen	Jacob Doyne	James Cochran
James man	Francis Doyne	James Cochran Ju ^r
James Knox	Samuel Gault	Richard Wait
Joseph Cochran	Matthew Gault	David wells
William Knox	And ^w Robertson	Sam ^l McConnell
John Knox Jur	William Robertson	Nathan Holt
Daniel Knox	And ^w Gault	Nathan Holt
Biley Smith	william gault	
Trueworthy Dudley	Samuel Noyes	

[8-249] [*Petition relative to electing a Representative: addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives, 1788.*]

Humbly shews—

That the Annual meeting of said Inhabitants for the purpose of Choosing Town Officers by the Incorporation is fixed on the last Monday of March Annually that it has been a Custom heretofore to Choose our Representative for said Town on that day that Article was in our last Warning but it happening to be the last day of said Month and having many Articles to Act upon could not Choose a Representative, but adjourned the same meeting to Monday the 9th Instant, on which day we Humbly pray we may have the Liberty Choose s^d Representative or that your Honors would releive us in such manner as you in your great Wisdom shall think fit—

Concord June 5th 1788

John Knox Jr	} Selectmen
Stephen Bartlet	
Isaac Morrison	

[8-250] [*Petition of Bryant and Bartlett for the privilege of erecting a Toll-Bridge.*]

Humbly shew John Bryant of Bow and Richard Bartlet of Pembroke in the County of Rockingham Esquires; that a bridge over merrimack river, near turkey river falls (so called) would be of great publick utility—that the said Bryant is the owner of the land adjoining said falls, on each side of said river.

Wherefore they pray your honors to grant them their heirs and assigns the exclusive right of building a toll bridge over said river at said falls, or at any other place upon said river, between the grant of James Robinson and the grant lately owned by Samuel Butters: with liberty of taking such reasonable toll as your honors in your great wisdom shall think fit, the one half of the toll after thirty years to be received for the use of the state, and the other for the benefit of the proprietors—and as in duty bound will ever pray—

Concord Jan^y 11 1790—

Jn^o Bryant
Richard Bartlet

[8-251] [*Memorial addressed to the Committee on the Erection of a Bridge.*]

Humbly sheweth

That they have Joined Issue in the petitions preferred to the Honorable Court concerning Erecting a Bridge over Merimac River they pray the Hon^{ble} Committee to report on the first petition as to Securing the privelidge to their heirs & assigns if agreeable to Your Honors

Jacob Green
Dan^l Livermore
Enoch Noyes
William Duncan

[8-252] [*Petition of the Selectmen of Pembroke and Bow for Authority to raise Money by Lottery to build a Bridge: addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives.*]

Humbly Sheweth—

Whereas a Bridge a Cross Merrimack River at some Conveniet place would be of great Service to the State, and your Humble Petitioners beg leave to acquaint the Hon^{ble} Court, that there is a place on Said River a little below Garvens falls (so call'd) known by the name of the little Falls, which we are Concious to be the Best place upon the River, to Build a Bridge, upon all accounts, firstly Nature has form'd the place so well with good high Rocky Banks, that it is never overflowed, and the River Very narrow, and a good Rocky Bottom, and So Shoal that Men may work in the Water with Conveniency, generally the Summer Season. and likewise seems to be the most Central for Roads, leading from the Exterior parts of the State, through Pembroke to Portsmouth and Exeter. and Very little farther to Haverhill or Newburyport, than to Cross below the

other falls, (which we think would not be so much for the Public Benefit of the State as to Cross higher on the River) Therefore our Prayer is that the Hon^{ble} Court would take this under their wise Consideration (and if they Should think the above Named place most Convenient) and Grant to the Perish of Pembroke and the Town of Bow the Privilege of a Lottery for the Sole purpose of Building a free Bridge for the Benefit of the Public; a Cross Merrimack River at the aforesaid place, And that the s^d Towns shall have the Exclusive Right upon Said River for Building Said Bridge from garvens falls Down S^d River to the mouth of Moors Brook So Call'd, and Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray.

Pembroke Jan^{ry} y^e 19th 1791

Stephen Bartlet	} Select Men
James Cunningham	
James Robertson	} Select Men
Sam ^l Gault	
	of Bow

[8-255] [*Petition of Jacob Green and Enoch Noyes: addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives.*]

Sheweth,—

That whereas a Bridge, across Merrimack River, somewhere between the Right of Ferriage, lately belonging to Samuel Butters, and one mile below the Isle-Hooksett, so called, in the same River;—would be of exceeding advantage to the State of New-Hampshire;—And as it appears to your Petitioners, that they should be able, with the approbation, of your Honors, to erect such a Bridge within the Limits aforesaid, as will, in all respects, be not only Convenient for every passenger;—but of great publick Utility—

They humbly pray your Honors, to take the Premises into your wise Consideration,—and grant to the said Green & Noyes—their Heirs & Assigns forever, the exclusive Right of erecting—maintaining and keeping up a toll Bridge within the said Boundaries.—And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray.—

Concord Jan^{ry} 7th 1791.—

Jacob Green
Enoch Noyes

[8-253] [*Petition of William Duncan and Daniel Livermore for Authority to erect a Toll-Bridge: addressed to the General Court, January, 1791.*]

Humbly sheweth

That your petitioners have long entertained the design of erecting a Bridge over Merrimac River below Concord provided they could have suitable encouragement.

They are persuaded that the undertaking would be very expensive but conceive that it would be very advantageous to the public—under the conviction that they shall have all the aid and assistance which a work of such public utility merits & which an enlightened and patriotic Legislature will most readily bestow they are induced at this time to propose to the honourable the General Court that they will build a Bridge over said River Merrimac about eight miles below Concord upon such reasonable Toll as shall be agreed upon & established by law—that after forty years from the building the Bridge shall have expired the toll shall be one moiety to the proprietors of the Bridge & the other to the State.

provided the State will give them the exclusive right of erecting a Bridge over said River at any place within ten miles below Butters' privilege of ferry—

And in duty bound shall ever pray—

William Duncan
Daniel Livermore

[Feb. 17, 1791, an act was passed granting Jacob Green, Enoch Noyes, William Duncan, and Daniel Livermore the exclusive right to erect a toll-bridge over Merrimack river "between one mile below Isle Hooksett Falls and one mile above said falls."—ED.]

[8-254] [*Petition of a Committee on the Bridge for a Lottery: addressed to the General Court, convened June 7, 1791.*]

Humbly shews The subscribers a Committee appointed by the Parish of Pembroke in said state—that being very desirous of a Bridge across merrimac River at or near Garvens falls & that the same may be a free bridge, and it appearing to your Petitioners that it would be of very great utility to the Public at large, and as there is no probability of any bridge being erected in consequence of the liberty granted by an act of the General Court of this state at their last session, therefore pray that your Honours would grant the liberty of raising by Lottery the sum

of Nine hundred pounds for the sole purpose of erecting a bridge at said falls or within one mile & a half of said falls either above or below the same as may be Judged most Convenient for the public good, which sum we suppose would be absolutely necessary for Compleating the same (but if said sum should exceed, the surplus to be placed in the Treasury of this state) or reserved for repairs as to your Honours may appear most Convenient, your Petitioners are of opinion that if a Lottery should be granted it would not be injurious to the public but only prevent those who wish to try their fortune in lotteries from Carrying the money out of this state into the neighbouring states, fully Confident that it will appear to your Honours that a free & safe passage over said river would be very advantageous to the public and that it is your desire to promote the public good, we trust that your honours will grant our Request under such restrictions as may seem meet—and that you will grant liberty to bring in a Bill accordingly, and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray

Richard Bartlet	}	Committee
Nath ^l Head		
James Cochran		
Daniel Knox		
Sam ^l McConnell		

The Committee on petition for Lottery Report that the prayer of the within petitioners be granted & that they have leave to bring in a bill accordingly

Daniel Emerson Jr for the Committee

[8-256] [*Remonstrance of sundry Inhabitants of Buckstreet against being annexed to Allenstown, 1798.*]

Humbly Shew—

The undersigned Inhabitants of that part of Pembroke in the County of Rockingham known by the name of Buckstreet; that the granting the prayers of two Petitions presented to your Honors at the last Session of the Honourable General Court held at Hopkinton on the first wednesday of June last past, (the one by the Inhabitants of the town of Allenstown in the County aforesaid, humbly praying to have annexed to said Allenstown, a tract of land with the Inhabitants thereof, which they in their Petition pretend to say, was taken off from the westerly part of Allenstown and included in Pembroke when

said town was incorporated, it being about one mile, and the same tract of land which is called Buckstreet; the other by a few of the Inhabitants living on said tract of land praying that the afores^d Petition of Allenstown might be granted) would be greatly injurious and oppressive to your Petitioners; that your Petitioners never understood that the above mentioned tract of land was ever at any time esteemed a part of Allenstown, or that the inhabitants thereof had ever at any period of time any claim upon the same, by any grant whatever, or that Allenstown has as yet ever been incorporated, that by annexing the abovementioned part of Pembroke to Allenstown, Pembroke would be greatly injured, as the necessary town charges would fall more heavily on the remaining Inhabitants, and they would be necessitated to class with some other town for the purpose of choosing a Representative, as the number of Inhabitants that would then remain would be insufficient according to the Constitution for the purpose That the Inhabitants of Allenstown can with far less inconveniency support the Bridges over Suncook River than your Petitioners, your Petitioners having already a considerable extent of highway to maintain, and by reason of the fewness of their number, find it exceeding difficult to keep the same in proper repair, for the accomodation of travellers, and should the repairing and keeping in repair the Bridges over Suncook River be added to what they already have to do in regard to the reparation of public roads, they must inevitably sink under the burthen, and the Public remain unaccomodated. That but two of the persons who signed the other Petition said to be presented to your Honors by the Inhabitants living on the beforementioned tract of land were Freeholders in said town of Pembroke, that in their Petition they have stated "that the Inhabitants of Pembroke have refused, and still do refuse, to render any assistance, towards building and repairing the Bridges over Suncook-River" Which is altogether untrue: And it can evidently be made to appear, if necessary, by a number of respectable witnesses, that the Inhabitants of Pembroke, altho' obligated so to do, by no Law whatever, the same being without the limits of their town, have invariably for the space of twenty years last past, been at more than half the expense in keeping the aforesaid Bridges in repair; That your Petitioners together with the other Inhabitants of Pembroke have ever heretofore approved themselves true friends and lovers of their Country, in the most difficult times, and have ever demeaned themselves as good Citizens of this State, and borne with cheerfulness their proportion of all public expences, and are still ready to sustain their part in whatever may conduce to the public good.—

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honors not to

do them so irreparable an injury as to annex the abovementioned tract of land, or any part thereof to Allenstown, by granting the prayers of the aforesaid Petitions, which can be but of little advantage to said Allenstown or to the Public at large; in comparison of the vast disadvantage it will be to your Petitioners and the town of Pembroke: and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray—

Pembroke November 21st AD 1798

Solomon White-	Samuel Cochran	Thomas Kimball
house	Will ^m Cochran	Jur
Christopher Osgood	Trueworthy Dudley	Joseph Emery
Robert Chase	John m ^c daniel	Benjamin Piper
Jacob Emery	John Ayer	Nehe ^h Cochran
Thomas Cochran	Caleb Lovejoy	Sam ^l Emery
Jacob Edes	Joseph Emery Jun ^r	

[See following document.]

[8-257] [*Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Pembroke to be annexed to Allenstown: addressed to the General Court, 1798.*]

Humbly Shew—

The undersigned, Inhabitants of that part of Pembroke which was taken off from Allenstown in the County of Rockingham, that they and the public have long laboured, and still labour under many and Great inconveniences by Reason of the badness of Bridges over Suncook river—

That the Town of Pembroke have refused and still refuse to render any assistance towards building and repairing said Bridges; Thereby, in effect, endeavouring to compel the town of Allenstown to Build and keep in repair all the Bridges across Suncook River, which we conceive to be very unreasonable and unjust, considering the fewness of the Inhabitants and the expence of making and repairing their other Roads and Bridges—And being informed that the Inhabitants of Allenstown are about petitioning your Honors to have that part of Pembroke afores^d which was formerly Allenstown, Reannexed to Allenstown for the purpose of enabling them to build and Repair the Bridges over said river your petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honors that the aforesaid petition of the Inhabitants of Allenstown may be granted, that they and the public may no longer suffer for the want of safe and convenient

Bridges over said River And as in duty bound They will ever pray—

Pembroke June 4th 1798—

John Cochran
Daniel Cochran
James Cochran Junr

Samuel Martin
Thomas Robinson

[John Cochran and James Cochran, Jr., subsequently recanted. See vol. 8, p. 260, manuscript.—ED.]

[8-258]

Length of the Roads in Allenstown claimed by Pembroke—

	M. Rods.
From Epsom line, by Capt Whitehouse's to the main Road—	3.
From Whitehouse's to Osgood's Mills	0. 60
Dudley's Road—	0. 100
Hardy's Road	1. 00
Two Short Bridges—	
Length of the several Roads in Allenstown—	
Main Road from Deerfield to Buck street Bridge	4. 260
Road from the to Candia—	3. 40
Road from Benj ^a Wiggins' to Epsom line—	206
Road from the Schoolhouse to Epsom line—	2. 000
Road from Sam ⁿ Brown's in Epsom to the main Road—	1. 000
Road from Chester Road by M ^r Leonards and over Boat meadow Brook to the main Road—	4. 000
Road from the main Road to Mount Delight—	0. 240
Road from Osgood's mills to Chester line—	200
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	16. 306
From Chester road to Bow line—	112
Length of Bridges—	1. 98
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	Miles 17. 98
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	Fect.
Over Bear-Brook by Burgen's Mill—	115
Fisk's Bridge—	90
On the Road to Candia—	80
On the Road to Sam ⁿ Brown's—	110
On the Road leading to Mount Delight—	50
On the Road leading by Leonards—	144
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	Fect— 589

Am^t of highway tax in Allenstown in 1798 \$130.29,7
Sum total of rateable Estate £69.10,7.—

[See introduction, page 153.—ED.]

PETERBOROUGH.

The grant of the township was made by the legislature of Massachusetts to Samuel Heyward and others, Dec. 8, 1737, approved by Gov. Belcher Jan. 16, 1738, and surveyed in May following. The survey was accepted and the grant confirmed June 14, 1738. Proprietors' meetings were held in Boston until 1753. On the 26th and 27th of September in that year a meeting was held in the town, at which time the name Peterborough first appears on the proprietors' records. It is probable that it was named in honor of Charles Mordaunt, Earl of Peterborough. No permanent settlements were made in this town until about the year 1749, although several attempts had previously been made, and some land cleared.

The settlement of the province line in 1741 decided the town to be within the limits of New Hampshire. Being within the limits of the Masonian proprietors' claim, a settlement with them became necessary, and means were used which resulted in procuring a quitclaim to all the territory in town but 3,400 acres.

Peterborough was incorporated Jan. 17, 1760, "to have continuance for two years only;" it was, however, re-chartered in April, 1762, to continue until disallowed by the king.

Jan. 29, 1789, a small tract of land was severed from the south-east corner of the town, and annexed to Temple.

A nearly full list of Revolutionary soldiers may be found in the History of Peterborough, by Dr. A. Smith. I find, credited to the town, in addition to that list, James Moor, entered Feb. 15, 1777, dismissed December, 1781, First N. H. regiment. Lieut. John Taggart was in Capt. Isaac Farwell's company at Bunker Hill, and was killed at Ticonderoga July 7, 1777. It will also be seen from the following papers that Daniel Russell claimed to be of Peterborough in 1780.

A portion of this town was taken off, and with other

tracts incorporated into the town of Greenfield June 15, 1791.

Peterborough is a manufacturing town, and because of its water-power is a prosperous community.

[8-210] [*Petition for help to build a Fort.*]

To his Excellency Binning Wentworth Esq^r Capt. Gen^l & Govern^r In chief in and over his Maj^s Province of New Hampshire. and to the Hon^l his Maj^s council & house of Representatives: assembled att Portsmouth.

The humble address & Petition, of the Inhabitants of Peterborough so called

Humbly sheweth

That by the Providence of God, we are Settled under yo^r happy Government, & propose to take Sanctuary under yo^r Protection, & to do our utmost in Subjecting our Selves to your authority, upon every emergency; and account that we have Just reason so to do, from your Care & Clemency to other new Settlemen^{ts}; and Considering the present dangerous situation of Affairs, we have been using some means for our Safety & Defence against the Heathen, in raising one Considerable Garrison, in the South part of the Town, of pretty Large Dimensions, with Square Logs, Twelve Inches thick, as the bearer can more fully Informe. And we design to raise another more Large & nearer the Center Contiguous to our Meeting house, where it will best suite, that will accomodate the most of the Inhabitants: but this we fier to undertake of our Selves upon the accomp^t of the great Expence it will amount to, we having laid out we may Say, all our Substance in Improving our Land for bread, corn & Hay, to this ~~purpose~~ we have both Dedicated our time & money. So that we Stand in need of help to build & Erect this Intended ffort as well as assistance to Defend it when thus built, and both with yo^r Excellency & Hon^{rs} Concurrence & assistance: ffor if we Should break up that are Barriers to the Towns below us, that is Dunstable & Townend, they should be as much Expos'd as we now are. so that it would be their safety as well as our own if we be Encourag'd to continue.

May it therefore Please Yo^r Excellency & Hon^{rs} to Consider the Premises, & think what a ruining thing it would be to yo^r Petitioners if our time strength & substance should be lost, & this valueable Settlem^t breake up; that has been bless'd with Such Success, as non Such for the time, the Loss would not

be made up in Some years, if ever in our time. The prevention of which we Esteem, is in Yo^r Excellency & Hon^{rs} power; not that we would presume to Direct, not being skill'd in Publick affairs, the good Governmen^t that Providence hath Bless'd us with, you being our Patrons; But our present necessity & future fears obliges us to Supplicate for help from you, in whose power it is to Commiserate such as we fier to be, not that we are under any Slavish fier, for if we obtain our necessitous Demands, your Countenance & aid, we resolve to Continue here & by the Divine assistance acquit our Selves in the cause of our lives & Interest like men while life is granted: now not only Confiding, but Depending on yo^r Excellency & Hon^{rs} Compliance to our necessitous request, Yo^r Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever Pray.

Harvey	John Davison	John Taggart
Hugh Willson	William Smith	James mitchell
Thomas Morison	William mCay	Samuel Stinson
Jonath ⁿ Morison	John Graham	James Stinson
John Swan	John Stuard	Hugh gregg
John Swan Ju ^r	Charles mCay	Thomas Bogle
william wallas	David wallas	Joseph Bogle
Jeremah Swan	Will ^m mitchell	John Farguson
John Smith	Isaac mitchell	William Richey
Samuel Wallas	Will ^m Nay	Gustavus Swan
Thomas Davison	Joseph Caldwell	

[8-212] [*Petition of John Sullivan relative to Rev. John Morrison: addressed to the Governor and Council.*]

Humbly Shews That at the present Session of the General Court a Petition was Drawn up by your memorialist at the request of Said Inhabitants and afterward Signed by a majority of them, Setting forth that m^r John Morison was Some years Since ordained to the work of the Ministry in Said Town & that Since his ordination he had been guilty various Times of profane Swearing Drunkenness & other Lew^d wicked & Disorderly practices Quite unbecoming the Christian & Especially the ministerial Character & praying that they might be Set at Liberty to ordain & Support another minister & be Exempted from paying Towards the Support & maintainance of a minister whose Life & conversation was a Scandal to the profession—which petition being preferred a hearing was granted by the Honourable House of Representatives for trying and Determining the Same on the third Day of the Sitting of the General Court after the fifteenth Day of January next & being Sent up

to the Honourable Board for Concurrence was Dismissed upon a Supposition (as your memorialist was Informed) That it was a matter more proper for the Spiritual Courts—But your memorialist Humbly apprehends that if the fact had been more fully Stated & understood your Excellency & Honours would have thought Quite Differently of the matter: for the aforesaid Inhabitants did at first prefer a Petition to a Certain Presbitery for Removing the said Morrison & a Committee from the Presbitery was appointed for hearing the matter who after the hearing Restored him to his former Standing after a Suspension of Ten Sabbaths by way of penance for the following Crimes which they Acknowledged they found him guilty of as appears by a Copy of their proceedings herewith exhibited—viz firstly Intemperance at Col^o Hollands, 2dly Intemperance at the House of John Taggart. 3dly profane Swearing in all of which the Committee were unanimous that he was guilty. 4thly profane Swearing proved by one witness. 5thly Immodest Deportment at John Taggarts Evident by his own Confession. 6thly Immodest behaviour to Elizabeth Miller proved by one Witness. 7thly Immodest & obscene Discourse proved by one Witness. 8thly Immodest Conversation & Deportment proved to the Satisfaction of the whole Committee: Now your Memorialist humbly apprehends that Either of those Charges which the Committee Acknowledged were fully proved would alone have been Sufficient Cause for Deprivation by the Canon Law as appears by woods Institute 41. 3^d Institute 204. 2^d Roll: Abridgement 222. 6th Report 14: 11th Report 49 & 98 Hobarts Reports 243 & many other Authorities in point but this Committee Notwithstanding the Law was So Express Restored him to his former Standing and the Inhabitants can have no Redress but from the Legislative Authority of the Government whose province alone it is to Redress So Intollerable a Grievance & no other power Either Civil or Ecclesiastical in this Government can Dissolve the Contract between a Minister & his people—And Surely your Excellency and Honours must be Sensible That Though a Presbitery may Restore a Minister To his Standing yet they can by no means Reconcile the minds of a people to a profane Drunken & Debauched Minister nor Can they look upon themselves as Injoying their Religious Liberties while they are Compellable To Support Such a person in the Ministry nor while they are obliged to Rest Easy with the Judgment & Determination of a Spiritual Committee whose Judgment was Directly against the first principles of that Law by which they pretended to Act. wherefore Inasmuch as the Said Inhabitants are thus aggrieved & having no remedy but from the General Court your memorialist in behalf of Said Petitioners Humbly prays that a hearing may be granted on the

former Petitions & then your Excellency & Honours will undoubtedly be Convinced that the Said Petitioners have been greatly aggrieved as well at the Determination of the Said Committee as at the Conduct of the Said Morrison which is the only Reason of their Troubling your Excellency & Honours with this matter. from which grievance if your Excellency & Honours in your great Clemency & goodness will please to grant them relief by Reconsidering that vote for Dismissing the former Petition, & granting them a Day for hearing thereon the Said Petitioners will Ever Pray

December 19th 1771

Jn^o Sullivan in behalf of & attorney to Said
Petitioners

[Mr. Morrison relinquished his connection with the society in March, 1772.—Ed.]

[8-214]

Extracts from the Minutes of the Rev^d Presby^y of Boston met at Petersburg June 18th 1771

Committee Members present

Ministers Mess^{rs} David M^cGregore John Huston J Williams

Elders Mess^{rs} Sam^l Fisher—D Moor—Sam^l Morrison

Thursd^y June 20th Met according to adjournment

Memb^{rs} as above—opened with Prayer

The Committee proceeded respecting the Articles of Charge & after a solemn & serious Examination of the Evidences do give their Judgment as followeth

1 Charge Intemperance—At Stephen Hollands Esqr Unanimously agreed that M^r Morrison is found guilty of this charge

2 Charge Intemperance at John Taggarts of Petersburg unanimously agreed though this Article is not so highly aggravated as the first charge yet the committee find him guilty of Intemperance

3^d Charge Profane swearing the committee are unanimously agreed that this charge is also sufficiently proved

4 Charge Profane swearing In this Charge a Single evidence appeared and for the Reasons offered the committee saw fit to indulge the evidence not to swear

5 Charge Buying a poor mans vote Tho there was some inexpediency yet nothing unlawful and consequently nothing censurable

6th Charge Immodest conversation and Deportment

1st Article respecting Agnes Mitchel not proved

2 Instance of immodest Deportment at John Taggarts July 1770 evident by his own confession

3^d Article of Immodest Behaviour in respect of Elisabeth Miller her testimony being Single It is the Judgement of the Committee the two last instances would amount to a full proof of the Charge but as they are Supported only by one witness the Evidence come short of Judicial proof

4th Upon the fourth Article of Charge the two Evidences to witt Stone & Wilson being sworn declared nothing that amounted to the shadow of a proof—

5—That supposing M^r Morrison told the story as the Evidence upon oath declared the Committee are Unanimous that considering Circumstances it was unbecoming ministerial gravity but as it is supported only by one Evidence not sufficiently proved—

6—Upon this Article from the Character of William Gilchrest as well as from his Evidence being wholly unsupported by any corroborating Circumstances the Committee are Unanimous that they can give very little Weight to his Testimony—

7—Upon the seventh Article the Committee thought proper to sett aside the only Evidence that was produced

8—Upon the eighth Article the Committee are Unanimous that the evidences viz John Mitchel and his Wife being sworn declared nothing to support the Charge—

9—Unanimously agreed that this Article if made evident is an instance of immodesty but is not juridically proved—

10th Article supported by no Evidence

11th Article supported by no evidence—

12th Article supported by no evidence

13 & 14th Articles supported by no Evidence—John Dicks not appearing—

15th Article respecting immodest Conversation & Deportment the Committee unanimously find him guilty—

7th Charge Baptizing a Child contrary to our Constitution—With regard to Baptising the Child this Committee think that there is nothing to support the s^d Charge—

Upon the Whole it is the Committees Judgment that in a Number of Articles tho not supported by such Proof as the Gospel requires yet some of them are attended with such Circumstances as render the facts very suspicious—they would therefore in the bowels of Christ earnestly intreat the Rev^d M^r Morrison by every consideration that is weighty with impartial strictness to animadvert on his Conduct not only in the instances that have been juridically proved but also in those suspected instances &, as far as he is conscious of Guilt, to endeavour to humble himself in the dust before a Heart searching & holy

God & to fly speedily to the Blood & righteousness of Jesus Christ for pardon & cleansing—

And with respect to the agrieved the Committee would be free to advise them with like earnestness as it is a very critical Time in Peterburgh to take heed to their spirits & while they are justly offended at their Ministers Crimes to beware of a spirit of Bitterness or personal hatred

The Presbytery further unanimously Voted on a Complex View of the whole case that M^r Morrison be suspended for Ten sabbaths from his Ministerial Work or from all acts of Office that He appear at the end of the s^d Ten sabbaths before the Presb^y The time & place of the meeting of which is to be duly notify'd to Him and likewise to the People that both He & the People by Commissioners it is expected shall appear before s^d session of Presb^y who will then proceed with M^r Morrison re-proving him or otherwise as matters shall then appear to them—Further that this committee shall use their best endeavours with the next session of this Presb^y to meet at Oakham the Week after next that the Pulpit of Petersburgh be supplied as much as they possibly can during the time of this suspension without any additional Charge to the s^d People—

Simon Williams Presb^y Clerk—

a true Copy

[8-213] [*Action of Presbytery, August, 1771.*]

Voted—that M^r Morrison be restored to full standing with this Presb^y

Voted—that M^r Morrison be restored to the exercise of his Ministry in Petersburgh

Voted unanimously—that the Rev^d M^r M^cGregore be appointed to write a Letter to the People of Petersburgh suited to their Particular Circumstances & in particular recommending to them a punctual Attendance on the stated Administration in their own Parish

S Williams Presb^y Clerk

dated August 29th 1771

a true Copy

[8-215 is another long document by John Sullivan, relative to the matter, dated December 30, 1771.—ED.]

[8-216] [*Petition of William Scott relative to Bounties: addressed to the General Assembly, 1777.*]

Humbly Sheweth.—

That whereas your Petitioner is appointed by his Excellency General Washington to raise a Company in a Reg^t of Rangers, of which Col^l Guest of Virginia is Commander and your Petitioner not being allowed by Orders to give more than the Continental Bounty, when other Soldiers in this State are intitled to Twenty pounds over and above that which greatly retards the Progress of Inlisting.

Therefore your Petitioner humbly begs your Honors to take this Matter under Consideration and give me an equal Chance with other Officers in the State by granting the Same Bounty to Rangers, as given to the Soldiers inlisting in the Service of this State: and your Petitioner as in Duty bound Shall ever pray.

Will^m Scott

Peterborough March 8th 1777

[8-219] [*Relative to the Town's Quota of Soldiers, 1779.*]

To The Hon^{ble} Committee of Safety for the State of New Hampshire

May it Please Your Hon^{rs}—

Whereas by Resolution of Congress Dated the 15th of March AD 1779. Ordering returns to be made of all Officers & Soldiers inlisted into the 16 Additional Battalions, and whereas this Town hath in the Service of the United States, (and inlisted for three Years and During the Warr) Twenty four Men And Upwards which is Ten More than Our Proportion of the 88 Battalions, Therefore we begg to be Credited for those Men and Considered in future, so that we may Not At Present be Obligated to make up the Proportion of Other Towns who are delinquent—

We are & Shall be Ever ready to furnish our Proportions & Make Such Allowances to the Men returned for this Town as Shall be Ordered Or Thought Equitable—

Permit us to Recommend The Bearer Cap^t William Scott to Your Favours, and are Gen^l Most Respectfully Your most H^l Serv^t

David Steel Cap^t

in Behalf of Militia Off^r

Sam^l Cunningham

in Behalf of Select Men

Peterborough July 23^d 1779—

[R. 3-111] [*Relative to Major Robert Wilson.*]

To the Hon^{ble} Council & Assembly sitting at Exeter for the State of New Hampshire.

Gentlemen as Major R. Willson was by your authority Called upon to Join the Militia at Still Water under the Command of Gen^l Whipple & not attending according to order these may certify to y^r Honors that his family was much indisposed at that time

William Smith J. P.

Peterborough Feb^{ry} 10th 1778

[In R. 3-110 Robert Willson stated that he went as soon as he could leave his family, joined the army, and was with it at the time of the "Conquest of General Burgoine and his army."—ED.]

[R. 3-112] [*Daniel Russell's Statement.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Great and Honourable Counsel and House of Representatives of s^d State Convened at Portsmouth

The petition of Daniel Russell Humbly sheweth that your Petitioner was Disabled in the Service of the united states to earn his support and for his Releaf was enrol'd for Half pay By the Honorable Court Last June which pay Does not support him as there has been no act for making up Depreciation to a pentioner. * * *

Peterborough october the 9th 1780

Daniel Russell

[Daniel Russell was on the invalid pension-roll in 1788 and 1789.—ED.]

[R. 3-113] [*Relative to John Halfpenny.*]

Peterborough 17th February 1783.

This may Certifie to all to whome it may concern that John Halfpenny hath not Received any Bounty from the town of Peterborough since the Contest Began Between Grate Brittan and America

asserted by William Smith } Select
Samuel Gregg } men

[R. 3-114]

[*Soldiers' Orders.*]

to the Hon^{ble} John Taylor Gilman Esq^r Treasurer

Sir please to pay to L^t Mathew Walis the whole of the wages due to me for serving six months in the Melitia of the state of New hampshire and all other money that is my due and this shall be your discharge from me

Peterb^o October the 29 1784

Amos Spafford

[Other orders to pay wages to Matthew Wallace were as follows :

William Darrah, Oct. 9. 1784, Col. Cilley's Reg't.

Randal McAllaster, Oct. 7, 1784, Col. Jackson's Reg't.

James Taggart, Dec. 13, 1784, " "

John Swan, Jan. 22, 1785, " "

Serg't Samuel Mitchell, Jan. 13, 1785, Col. Jackson's Reg't, ordered his to be paid to Josiah Munroe.—ED.]

[R. 3-119] [*Petition of John Young, Soldier, 1785.*]

To the General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire

The Petition of John Young of Peterborough

Shews That your Petitioner Serv^d a Campaign at Rhodeiland in the Regm^t Commanded by Lieu^t Col^o Peabody as Surgeon in the year 1778 and your Petitioner being informed the Gen^l assembly have made allowance to officers in that Regiment of Depreciation and Interest of their pay he therefore Prays that An allowance may be made to him for the same according to the Capacity in which he serv^d

Dated at Peterborough Aug^t 20th 1785

John Young

[8-220]

[*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire Hillsborough ss

In Obediance to a precept directed to us the Subscribers Selectmen for the town of Peterborough for A D 1783 Directing us to make a return to the generl Assembly at their next Session the N^o Polls of 21 years and upwards paying poll taxes by themselves viz male polls in the town aforesaid do make return

of 133 as aforesaid as witness our hands Peterborough December 9th day Anno Domini 1783

John Young }
Thomas Stewart } Selectmen

[Sworn to before William Smith, Justice of the Peace.—
ED.]

[8-221] [*Relative to John Morrison, etc., 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire.

Peterborough May 14th, 1783.

To the Hon^{ble} General Court of New Hampshire, to be holden at Concord, the tenth Day of June 1783.

We the Subscribers petition your Honours, that you would grant John Mitchel Esq^r of Charlestown South Carolina, and M^r Isaac Mitchel of the aforesaid Peterborough, a fair and Judicious Trial, in an old Action, that has long preceded between them and John Morrison, who was formerly a Minister in said Peterborough, and who by the latest Account we had of him, was a Captain of the British Forage at South Carolina, And We your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray &c

Kalso Gray	Benj ^a Mitchel	William Swan
Andrew Baley	Thomas Turner	Sam ^l Mitchel
John Swan	Robert Morrison	Isaiah Taylor
William Houston	Adams Grag	Abel Parker
Samuel Gordon	William Mc ^e Nee	Robert Gray
Samuel Houston	William Robbe	John Morrison
Matthew Gray	Nathaniel Whitte-	Robert Smith jun ^r
David Steel	more	Thomas Smith
Jn ^o Gray	William Robbe jun ^r	Thomas Davinson
John Morrison	Jn ^o White	John Taggart
Matthew Templeton	James Cunningham	W ^m Mc ^e Nee jun ^r
Samuel Treadwell	John White	James Miller
Thomas Mc ^e Clurg	W ^m White	Rob ^t Holms
Charles White	Robert Willson	
James Taggart	Samuel Miller	

[8-222] [*Petition of the Selectmen relative to John Morrison, Deserter: addressed to the General Court, 1783.*]

We the subscribers Petition your Honours would take Notice of John morrison Who was formerly a minister in the Town of Peterborough in this State Who in the year 1775 Enlisted in

the American Service as a Common Soldier And Deserted from there to the British army Where we was Enform^d that he Did us much harm, and he was Returnd Only as an absentee and not as an Enemy and we Your Humble Petitioners Begg that Your honours Would Consider him as an Enemy and have him Return^d According to Law and that his Estate may Be converted to the Same Use as the Rest of our Enemies have Been

And We your Petitioners Begg that Your Honours Would Grant A fair and Judicious trial Between John Mitchel Esq of Charleston South Carolina and Mr Isaac Mitchel of Peterborough in this State in an old action that has Long Persided Between them and the aforesaid John Morrison Who By the account we have of him is now in the British Service and in So Doing your Petitioners Shall as in Duty Bound Ever Pray—

Dated at Peterborough in the State of New hampshire May the 14th 1783

Alexander Robbe }
Th^o Steuart } Selectmen

[8-223] [*Petition of the Selectmen relative to setting off the east part of the Town: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

Humbly sheweth,

that some time since they have been serv'd with a Coppy of a Petition Signed by some of the Inhabitants of Lyndborough praying that a Piece of land about one Mile wide may be taken off the east side of said Peterborough & annexed to some land in Lyndborough & be made a Parish as in Said Petition is Set forth against which your Petitioners begs leave to remonstrate & Shew that such a diminution of Peterborough will greatly injure it. As the Town is only Six Miles square & a large Meeting House built near the Center of the Town to accommodate the Inhabitants as well the East side as the West & to take off such a Valuable piece as the Petition pray'd will not fail to destroy our Center & Create much discontent & uneasiness with the inhabitants in the West part of the Town Who will think it hard to pay & travel in such an unequal manner as the must should this Petition take place. Our Member in the Gen^l Court will prefer this our request who will be able further to show to your Hon^{rs} that the prayer of the said Petition is unreasonable & will be very injurious if the same should be granted And we think cannot Serve them For they must a long time be a Small Parish & altho they may hold up that it is that they may have the Gospel Preached among them it must appear that their real

desire is to pay no Ministereal Rates at all however they may pretend otherwise. We rely on your Honors Justice and rest assured that no alteration will be made in Consequence of said petition And we as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Peterborough 14th Octobr 1784—

Jn ^o young	} Selectmen
Charles Stuart	
Tho ^s Steuart	

[See Lyndeborough papers, Vol. XII.—ED.]

[8-226] [*Relative to setting off the east part of the Town.*]

at a meeting held at Petersborough on the 20th of Sept^r 1784 then Voted—to oppose the Petition lately prefer'd to the General assembly of this State by a Number of Inhabtants in Lyndborro Praying for a Part of Petersb^h to be taken off and Added to a part of Lyndborough to make a Parrish as in the S^d Petition is mentioned—and that the Selectⁿ of Said Town remonstrate against the Said Petition and that M^r Mathew Wallace Prefer the Same and use his Interest that the Prayer of Said Petition may not be Granted—

a True Coppy of the Vote

Att^t Sam^l Cunningham
Clerk

[8-227] [*Petition relative to setting off the east part of the Town: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

Humbly Sheweth that a Number of the inhabitants of Lyndborough and Lyndborough Strip (So called) petitioned your Excellency and Hon^{'s} that they with a part of Peterborough and Society land might be Sett off as a Parish in Consequence of Said petition your Excellency and hon^{'s} was pleased to appoint a Committee to view the Situation of the Several towns and the tracts of land with the inhabitants thereof So petitioned for that your Excellency and hon^{'s} upon their report might be able to Judge as to the Justice of Said petition &c according to Said appointment Said Committee went upon the premises as we your petitioners have Since heard but without giving us your petitioners any previous notice Neither had we any from Said Committee nor from those persons which requested Said Committee which we are able to verify therefore we your petitioners by order and in behalf of the Town of Peterborough pray your Excellency and hon^{'s} that no part of Peterborough

may be Sett off as a meeting house at great Expençe is built near the Center of Said town which at present is Compact and uniform and any part thereof being Cutt off will render it entirely otherwise and will greatly discommode the peace of Said town, and Settlement your Compliance will greatly oblige your Petitioners and they as in duty bound will ever Pray

Peterborough January 21th 1785

Alexander Robbe	}	Selectmen
Charles Stuart		
John Young		
thom ^a Stuart		

[See Lyndeborough papers, Vol. XII.—Ed.]

[8-224] [*Petition for Authority to tax Non-Resident Lands: addressed to the Council and House of Representatives.*]

Humbly Sheweth—

That your Petetioners Labour under great Difficulty in the Support of the Present warr, and Other Town Charges—That said Charges are very Heavy many Roads and Large Proportion of Bridges to Build & Maintain on the most publick roads in said Town, That a very Large proportion of their Able Body'd men have Inlisted, and Volentary gone into the Service for the Defence of American Liberty, That your Petetioners Labour under great Difficulty in geting Labourers being Extreem Scarce to be got besides the Extraordinary Wages, which many of your Petetioners are Obligated to pay That the Clearing & Cultivating their new Lands is much Retarded by reason of the Heavy part of the Publeck Charge that they are Obligated to Bear For Their Mutual easement Your Petetioners Humbly pray Your Honours that the None Resedented Lands in said Town of Peterb^o may be Taxed (for a Longer or Shorter Term as your Honnours may think best) that the Owners of Said Lands may bear a part of the Publick Expençe (in Defending them from the Usurpation of Great Britain) as said Lands Lye Unimproved, & not in any Manner Cultivated & the Proprietors Holding Said Lands at so High a price that it Discourages Adventures from purchasing & Settling them which we Apprehend to be Unjust, Therefore your petioners pray your Honours to Cause the Select Men of Said Town to be Vested with & have full power & Lawfull Authority to Assess & Rate the Owners of Said None Resedented Lands and Cause the Said Lands to be Subject to the payment of the Tax that your Honours may think Equitable & Just—And whereas the Late Incorporation

of Said Town of Peterborough By His Late Excell^{ty} Benning Wentworth Esq^r Did Cause your petetioners to Hold their annual Meeting on the first Tuesday of January and your petetioners Think the Holding of Said Annual Meeting is to great Disadvantage to your Petet^{rs} Therefore Your Petetioners pray your Honours to Alter the Time for Holding Said Annual Meet^g to some day in the Month of March as your Honours Shall think best—And Your Petetioners as in Duty Bound will Ever Pray

William miller	Jn ^o Mitchel	William Robbe
James miller	David Ames	John Gragg Jun ^r
Joseph Hammill	Will ^m Moor	James Cunningham
Neal Hammill	Sam ^l Hogg	Robert Willson
John Willson	william Scott	Alexander Robbe
Hugh Willson	Thomas Cuning-	Joth ^l Blanchard
James Willson	ham	John Gregg
Samuel willson	William M ^c Nee	Sam ^l Gregg
John miller	Sam ^l Mitchel	James Taggart
James Templeton	William Smith	Abraham Holms
Matthew Templeton	David Steel	John Young
Willam Spear	Sam ^l Cunningham	

[8-229] [*Petition of the Selectmen relative to a School: addressed to the General Court, 1788.*]

Humbly sheweth.—

That the said Town of Peterborough have ever discovered an inclination to promote the education of youth and for this purpose have every year raised a large sum of money which has been always appropriated for that purpose—That these Schools have generally been kept by persons well qualified for the instruction of youth & frequently by persons of a liberal education

But that it has been thought most convenient in times past that three or four schools should be kept during certain Seasons of the year and of course there have been times when no School has been kept—That in Sep^r 1787 a Bill was found against your petitioners for one months neglect of keeping such a Grammar School as the laws now in force require—your petitioners upon Shewing all the Circumstances at the Court of General Sessions of the peace for the County of Hillsborough humbly hoped that the fine of ten pounds for such offences might be dispensed with and that the prosecution might be discontinued with your petitioners paying Costs—And the said Justices have continued the said Indictment for consideration

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honours would be pleased to order that the said Indictment be no fur-

ther prosecuted if no Judg^t is yet rendered thereon and if rendered that the said fine may be remitted—

Jeremiah Smith in behalf of the
Select men of Peterborough

[The prayer of the petition was granted June 13, 1788.—
ED.]

[8-230] [*Petition of Sarson Belcher, of Boston, relative to
some lots of Land: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly shews Sarson Belcher of Boston in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Esquire that in June 1738 a Grant of the township of Peterborough in said State was made to certain persons by name by the then General Court of Massachusetts And that the proprietors of Mason's patent in 1748 released to said Grantees their right to said Township So that the said Grantees acquired as they supposed a complete title to said Township—that the said Grantees or proprietors of said Township purchased a Book for recording their proceedings, in which the same were from time to time entered And likewise the Copies of the proceedings of the General Court of Massachusetts relative to the first granting said Township—most of which are attested by the proper Officers tho' the same at this period of time is difficult to be proved by reason of the Records of Massachusetts from the year 1737 to the year 1746 being consumed by fire whereby Authenticated Copies cannot be obtained And the Copy of the Order for calling the first Proprietor's meeting is not attested by any Person & the Warrants or Notifications are not upon record—that your Petitioner by Purchase from the said Grantees has a good title to two lots in said Township namely Lots Number 40 & 102 but by reason of the foregoing defects in the said Proprietor's Book your Petitioner cannot trace or establish his title thereto with that Precision which the Law requires in Case of disputes And no remedy can be had but from the Legislature of New Hampshire—

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays your Honours that you would establish by law the proceedings & records of said Proprietors in their Book recorded so far as they respect lots Number forty & One hundred & two in said Township And that the said Book notwithstanding any defects therein may be legal & sufficient evidence in Case of any dispute relative to the said lots—

And as in duty bound your Petitioner will ever pray—

Jeremiah Smith Atty to the said
Sarson Belcher

Charlestown Sep^t 27th 1787

[In H. of Rep., Sept. 27, 1787, the matter came up, and was postponed to the next session.—ED.]

[8-231] [*Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Peterborough to be set off: addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives, 1790.*]

Humbly sheweth, that your petitioners are at such a great Distance from the Meeting house in said Peterborough and great part of the road very Rough; that they cannot attend the public worship without very great inconveniency and difficulty—and provided Your honnours shall see fit to grant the prayer of a Number of the Inhabitants of Lyndeborough, the Inhabitants of Lyndeborough Gore, and a part of the Inhabitants of the Society—(whose prayer is now before your Honours for an incorporation into a Town) we think if we might be annexed with them we should be much better accommodated, without any considerable damage to the Town of Peterborough—wherefore we pray Your Honours that we may be incorporated with the above mentioned Petitioners agreeable to the boundaries set forth in the petition of the Inhabitants of the west part of Lyndebo^h and as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray

Peterborough May 26th 1790

Jon^a Ballard
Isaac Foster
Nehemiah Holt
Charls Cowal

The following live within the limits Petitioned for, but have not signed on either side.

Nath ^l Batcheldor	Phineas Lund	Hugh M ^c Adams
Simon Law	Ezra Dutton	Benjamin Burrows
William Holt Jun ^r	William Thompson	Thomas Pringel
Noah Lawrance	John Thompson	
Widow Balch	William M ^c Adams	

[See Lyndeborough papers, Vol. XII, p. 528.—ED.]

PIERMONT.

The township was granted, Nov. 6, 1764, to the Hon. John Temple and others, in sixty-three shares. Of the

grantees twelve bore the title of "Honorable," nine had military titles, and twenty-eight that of "Esquire."

Settlements were made, about the year 1768, by Daniel Tyler, Levi Root, and Ebenezer White. (See "Historical Sketches," by Rev. Grant Powers.) David Tyler, with his wife and son Jonathan, moved there from Lebanon, Conn., the same year, and settled.

By the return of the selectmen in 1775 it appears that the population numbered 168, of whom fifteen were in the army. For settlement of the town boundaries, see Vol. XI, p. 730.

By an act passed Jan. 15, 1787, Thomas Clark, Daniel Clark, Jonathan Herbert, and Asa Boynton, with their estates, were severed from Piermont and annexed to Wentworth. The same territory was severed from Wentworth and annexed to Piermont, July 1, 1819.

[9-1]

These notify the Proprietors or Grantees of the Township of Piermont in the Province that ye Day appointed by the Charter for the first meeting of the Proprietors is on the 24th Day of this Instant Jan^{ry} and the Place appointed there for is the Court House in Portsm^o at three o Clock in the Afternoon When & where it is proposed to Choose all Proper officers for Said Township & to agree upon & Vote a method for Laying out the S^d Land in Lotts &^{ca} & to Vote Some method for raising money therefor & to do any other thing authorized by Charter to be done for the Benefit of S^d Propriety—

In Pursuance of the authority in the Said Charter Granted—

Portsm^o Jan^{ry} 18th 1765—

[See Vol. VII, p. 56.—ED.]

[9-2] [*Committee appointed to obtain Arms and Ammunition, 1776.*]

To Cap^t Jonathan Chandler one of the Selectmen of y^e town of Piermont In Grafton County In the Colony of Newhampshire, Whereas You are this Day Chosen and Appointed an Agent to wait upon the General Assembly of this Colony Now Sitting at Exeter in S^d Colony, in order to lay Before the Assembly the Distressed State of S^d Town in regard to y^e Advice received yesterday from Canada, viz that y^e Continental forces were Drove from their posts By the Kings troops, as far as to

S^t Johns, and Supposed that our forces would not be Able to Maintain that place many Days, and upon that place Being Evacuated by our forces, We must Very Soon Expect to feel the fatal Consequence of y^e Incursion of our Northern Enemies with y^e Kings troops, and as our Circumstances on Account of Arms & Ammunition render us unable for to make any Defence against them; these are therefore to Direct and order You to Supplicate the Assembly to Interpose in our Behalf in this time of Danger and Distress, In Affording to us a Competency of fire arms and Ammunition Equal to our present Need, as at present we are unable to raise Money In any measure proportionable to y^e Expence, Shewing the Assembly the Importance of Maintaining this part of y^e Country from falling into the hands of the Enemy, as it is an open Door into the whole Country and of Necessity is a matter of y^e last Consequence to y^e Adjacent Colonies, You will also Inform the Hon^{ble} Assembly that Whatever of y^e Arms is retained by any person Shall be paid for, and also what of y^e Ammunition is retain^d Besides what is made use of in our Defence Shall be Accounted for by S^d Town; You will also Shew the Assembly the absolute need of A Considerable force Being Sent into these parts to Withstand the force of y^e Enemy if our forces are Obligated to resign y^e Fort at S^t Johns into the Enemys hands; You are also hereby Impowered by us the Subscribers to Give Such Security as Shall be required of You for Such arms and Ammunition in Behalf of y^e town of Piermont, holding for firm what by You Shall be So done in the above written Affair.

As by order of us

Dated Piermont
June 26th A : D : 1776—

John Patterson	} Select men for the town of Piermont
John Weed	
Joseph Webb	

[The town was granted thirty pounds of powder, July 2, 1776.—Ed.]

[9-6] [*Petition for Abatement of Taxes, 1783.*]

To the Hon^{ble} General Assembly of y^e State of Newhampshire the Petition of y^e Subscribers Select men of the Town of Piermont in Grafton County Humbly sheweth that although there hath heretofore Subsisted some Disputes and Difficulties betwixt the State & s^d Town with respect to Jurisdiction as has been the Case of many Towns in these Parts on the Newhampshire Grants; whereby our affairs are greatly perplexed and imbarressed; and many have been the Demands of the

State on s^d Town for Arrearages of Rates for Years back ; and neglect of furnishing our Quota of men for y^e Continental Army &c to which the Town, perhaps have not paid that attention which they ought to have done ; and being now sensible of having our affairs settled ; we would represent to your Hon^{rs} that besides our inability (there being not moveable Estate in s^d Town sufficient to satisfy y^e present Demands &c) we have Reason to Suppose that we are wrongfully assessed ; and that we have to pay a much larger Tax than many other Towns, in proportion as their List exceeds ours as might easily be made to appear as likewise that we have not been Creditted for what monies have been paid by s^d Town into y^e Treasury, or for our Quota of Men and y^e expences we have been at, during the late Contest ; which if allowed ; as we think in justice it ought to be we should not be so much in Arrearages as is now supposed ; we have therefore sent as exact an Acc^t of the several Lists of s^d Town from y^e Year 1779 as we Could get to y^e present and likewise an acc^t of y^e Several Expenditures, In the Defence of the Frontiers In y^e late Contest ; in order to be accepted, praying, that y^e matter might be taken into your Consideration ; and make such abatements, and grant such Relief as in your Wisdom you shall think Just and Right ; with which we perswade ourselves, y^e people will cheafully Submit ; and your Petitioners ; as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Piermont Nov^r 1783

Jonathan Chandler	} Select Men
Hez ^h Foord	
Samuel Root	

[*Inventory of Polls and Estates, 1780 & 1781.*]

An Inventory of y^e Polls & ratable estate of y^e Town of Piermont for years 1780 & 1781.

	1780	1781
No. of Polls	40	50
No. acres Tillage Land	212	200
No. acres Mowing Land	218	210
No. acres Pasture Land	147	150
No. of Horses & Mares 4 y ^r old	17	20
No. of Oxen	39	33
No. of Cows	55	60
No. of 3 y ^r olds	0	9
No. of 2 y ^r olds	9	7
No. of 1 y ^r olds	7	24
Sum of total value of buildings and unimproved land belonging to y ^e inhabitants	£343	£508

value of Non-residents Lands
List £81.19.0

£2984 £2774

H. Foord	}	Select men
Jonathan Chandler		
John Richards y ^e 2 ^d		

[R. 3-120]

[*Soldier's Order.*]

Piermont 10th February 1786.

Sir Please to pay Major Azariah Webb all the wages due to me as a soldier in Capt^t Websters Comp^y when keeping guards at Haverhill & Newbury, & his receipt shall be a full discharge from your humble ser^t

John T. Gilman Esq

William Maxfield

£0.11.10

[R. 3-121]

[This document is Silvanus Sawyer's order, same date and amount.—ED.]

[9-8] [*Relative to the Town's Quota of Soldiers.*]

Humbly Sheweth the Inhabitants of the Town of Piermont by their Agent, that the s^d Inhabitants having satisfied and paid unto Two Several persons a bounty for their Services in the Continental Army being a part of their Quota of the Continental Army agreeable to the directions of the then Gener^l Court of this State, which through their inattention have never been return'd, Wherefore they pray your Honors to Grant them the favour, through your kind Indulgence, to have Credit for the said men, on the Extent Issued against the Select men of Said Town—And your petitioner as in duty Will Ever pray—

Azariah webb

Portsmouth February 10, 1786

[9-9] [*Report of Committee on foregoing.*]

The Committee to whom was refer'd the petition of Azariah Webb Esq^r in behalf of the Town of Piermont beg leave to report as their opinion that said Town be Credited for three Continental Soldiers viz William Lurvey of Warners Reg^t David Ladd & Josiah Blodget both of Whitcombs Corps—the sum of Sixty pounds each with the interest thereof on Settlement of

the amount Charged against Said Town of Piermont for deficiency of Soldiers—and that the Treasurer take Order accordingly—

Feb^y 25th 1786.

Submitted p^r Nath^l Peabody for the Committee—

[9-10] [*Sundry Persons to be annexed to Wentworth.*]

At a legal meeting held in the Town of Wentworth 28th of August AD 1786 Voted unanimously that Thomas Clark, Asa Boynton, Daniel Clark, and Jonathan Herbert, should have liberty of polling off from Piermont to this Town—

Joseph Cooper	} Select Men of Said Wentworth
John Akin	
Benj ^a Cotton	

[See introduction.—ED.]

[9-11] [*Soldier's Certificate.*]

february 23 : 1786

this may Sartify that I have Recvd of the town of Piermont twenty Pounds as a hier to answer for a Soldier for said town during the war as I never Recvd any hier from any other town and that I Served During the war as by Return may appear

Josiah Blogget

[9-14] [*Petition for a Ferry, 1788.*]

To the Honorable the Senate ; and House of Representatives in General Court to be convened at Exeter on the 24th Day of Instant Dec^r the Petition of Parker Stevens—

Humbly shews that, the subscriber an Inhabitant of the Town of Piermont in the State of Newhampshire liveth in the North-erly Part of s^d Piermont near to Connecticut River, and within about two Hundred Rods South of the Place where the great Country Road comes into the River Road—and that there is frequently occasion of People's passing accross s^d River into the State of Vermont, when travelling into the western Country towards the Western part of Vermont as also ; from thence into this State ; and that there is a convenient place for keeping a Ferry over. s^d River near where your Petitioner lives, and that

the Chife and great travelling Road, into s^d western Parts ; is nearly opposite, on the other side of the river thereto ; and that there is no Ferry established, where People may pass, without travelling several miles up or down s^d River, and returning back on y^e other side ; about as far ; to get into s^d western Road, &c and that your Petitioner has been requested by many Persons to keep a Ferry ; some where near to the Place afor^s^d and at a Town meeting on the 15th Day of instant Dec^r obtained a vote, of the Inhabitants, (without any opposition ;) for keeping the same &c—

Wherefore your Petitioner prays your Honors, to make him a Grant of a Ferry across said River with the exclusive Privilege extending up s^d River ; as far Haverhill Line ; and down s^d River as far as to y^e Ferry granted to Col : Azariah Webb of s^d Piermont, not infringing upon s^d Grant, in the whole ; containing about y^e Distance of two miles—

And your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Piermont Dec^r 18th 1788—

Parker Stevens

Isaac Patterson	} Select men
Jonathan Chandler	
William Tarlton	

[In H. of Rep., Jan. 20, 1789, the petition was granted.
—ED.]

[9-16] [*Petition for Authority to tax Non-Resident Lands, 1789.*]

The Select Men of Piermont—Humbly Shew, That the several public roads, leading thro' said Piermont are very lengthy, and have been exceedingly expensive to the Inhabitants not only on that account, but by reason of the peculiarly wet land thro' which they of necessity pass ; to make and support which they have under many difficulties for years past, patiently struggled—that tho' they are cheerfully willing to do what belongs to them in this respect as members of society, yet they feel a reluctance to labor for the benefit of the nonresident owners of land without any compensation or assistance from them ; Your petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honors that the said Inhabitants may be reliev'd by being allow'd a tax on the unimproved lands of the said nonresident owners in said Piermont of three pence per acre or one penny per acre for the term of three years for the purpose of making and repairing public highways and bridges in said Piermont to be assess'd and col-

lected in such way as in your wisdom may seem best—And your petitioners, as in duty bound shall ever pray &c—

Dated Decem^r 16, 1789—

Davenport Phelps } Selectmen of said
Hezekiah foord } Piermont

[The foregoing petition was granted to the extent of one penny per acre, Jan. 21, 1790.—ED.]

[9-17] [*Petition for the Annexation of an Island to the Town, 1794.*]

To y^e. hon^{ble} Senate and house of Representatives of y^e State of Newhamphshire—

The Petition of y^e subscribers, Select men for the Town of Piermont in y^e County of Grafton Humbly Sheweth; that there is a certain Island in Connecticut River, lying contiguous to y^e Town of s^d Piermont, betwixt s^d Town, and y^e Town of Bradford, State of Vermont—and is Numbr^d 15 in the Range of Meadow lots, Drawn to y^e Right of Wiseman Clagget, containing about Twelve Acres of good improved land And also a profitable Ferry, Across s^d River (now occupied by John McDuffie) within y^e limits of said Town—

Which said Island, & Ferry, have never as yet been taken into y^e List of Rateable Estate in s^d Piermont, &c—

Your Petitioners, therefore humbly pray y^r Hon^{rs} to pass an Act, that y^e said Island and Ferry may be Annexed to y^e Town of Piermont, afore^d so that they may be taken into y^e Invoice of s^d Town, to be taxed according to y^e usual method of Taxation, in this State, or in some other way grant relief, and your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

Piermont May 28th 1794

Samuel Crook } Select
Joseph Foord } men

In H. of Rep., June 10, 1794, the foregoing petition was granted.—ED.]

PITTSFIELD.

The township was taken from Chichester and incorporated by its present name, March 27, 1782. John Cram was au-

thorized to call the first meeting of the inhabitants to choose town officers, etc. (See Vol. XI. pp. 357 to 360.)

By an act approved July 3, 1841, school-district No. 6 in Epsom and a school-district in this town were united and incorporated into one district by the name of Republican School-District.

A fire-district was established July 1, 1870. The town lies on Suncook river, and owes its present prosperity largely to the use of that stream for manufacturing purposes.

[9-18] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Pittsfield December 29th Day 1783

Per Suant to us the Subscribers by a Presept from the general assembly of this State to make an Exact Return of all the male Pools of twenty one years old and upwards Paying a Pole tax for them Selves we have Cerfully taken the Exact number and finde in Said Pittsfield one Hundred and twenty Ratable Pols Paying a Pool tax—120

Jonathan Perkins } Select men
James Drake } for Pittsfield

Rockingham Ss Pittsfield the 24 Day of December 1783 then the above named Jonathan Pirkins and James Drake Personaly appearing and made Solom oath to the truth of the above account by them Subscribed—

before me

John Cram Justic Peace

[R. 3-122] [*Ebenezer Bean's Petition, 1791.*]

To the Honb'le the Senate and house of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Court convened

Humbly Shews Ebenezer Bean of Pittsfield. That on the nineteenth of September 1777 he was unfortunately and grievously wounded in the foot while fighting in the cause of his Country— That your petitioner cannot perform the necessary labor for the gaining of a subsistence for himself and family by reason of his lameness which is more particularly distressing in the winter season when his exertions are the more necessary for his family's support. * * *

Ebenezer Bean

PLAINFIELD.

The township was granted, August 14, 1761, to Benjamin Hutchins and fifty-nine others, the most of whom were from Connecticut. The first proprietors' meeting was held in Plainfield, in that state, from which this town derived its name. Settlements were made in 1764, and the town had a population of 308 in 1775.

By an act passed June 23, 1780, the easterly portion of this town and the westerly portion of Grantham were united, and erected into a parish for parochial purposes, by the name of Meriden. (See Vol. XII, p. 59.) In 1856, July 12, the Grantham portion of this parish was annexed to Plainfield. Kimball Union Academy, incorporated June 16, 1813, and endowed with a permanent fund of \$40,000 by Hon. Daniel Kimball, is located in what was the old Meriden parish, and is an educational institution of much value to the state.

[9-32]

[*Inventory of 1773.*]

Province of Newhampshire Cheshire ss. plainfield april 21st
Anno Dom 1773—

The Inventory of the Ratable Estate In the town of plainfield
Taken and made out By us the Select men of Sd plainfield
The Whole of the Ratable Estate In plainfield amounts to Sev-
enty five pounds fourteen Shillings Including Sixty one polls
Sum total £75 : 14s—

Ben Kimball
Benjamin Chapman

John Stevens
Amos Stafford

[Sworn to before Francis Smith, justice of the peace.—Ed.]

[*Capt. Russell's Return: from Gen. Chase's Papers.*]

A Return of Cap^t Russels Company with the Name Annexed—
Plainfield May 3rd 1777—

Cap Josiah Russel
S^{at} Maj John Ste-
vens
Serg^t Dannel Kim-
ball

Cor Benjⁿ Cutler
Cor Timothy Cory
Drum Benjⁿ Chap-
man
fifer Sam^l Farefield

Stutely Stafford
Beniⁿ Gallop
Ziba Robberts
Rob^t Scott

Serg^t Ebenezer James Wilson
 Jinne Walter Blois

the above Out from y^e 3^d of may to 20th June in y^e whole 48
 Days Cald 45 do No. 14

Ensn Isaac Main Nites Cutler Joⁿ Parker
 Ser Thomas West Oliver Addams Job Cotton
 Cor Silas Gates Laben Hall Elexandrew Petterew
 Dannel Short Sam^l Williams

the above out from y^e 3^d of May to 18th June 46 Days Cald 43
 Days No. 11

Cor David Gitchel Perla Robberts William Wilson
 Littlefield Nash Duthan Kingsbury Joseph Kimball
 Joⁿ Parker Jr

the above in y^e Service from y^e 3^d of may to y^e 13th of June 39
 Days Cald 40 Days No. 7

Abel Stone Out untill y^e 20: of May 17 Days

Josiah Russel out from y^e 3^d of May to y^e 14th 11 Days

[*Plainfield Men at Saratoga. Ibid p. 95.*]

Lieu^t Reuben Jerold Return of the men that march from
 Plainfield to Sallatogue in Col^o Chases Regiment In Sep^t 26
 1777 with their names

Names	Days in Service	Names	Days in Service
Lieu ^t Reuben Jerold	35	Isaac Williams	32
Serg ^t Elias Gates	32	Wilard Smith	32
Serg ^t William Cutler	32	Laban Hall	32
Corp ^l Nathan Gates	16	Christopher Hall	32
Corp ^l Nathaniel Stafford	32	Zadoc Bloss	32
Drumm ^r Benj ⁿ Chapman	32	Rulaf Spalding	7
John Andres	32	Stutley Stafford	7
Timothy Vinson	32	Josiah Rushel	16
James Walker	32		

Return of Baggage Horses

Lieu ^t Reuben Jerold	1 Horse	9 days
Rulaf Spaulding	1 "	15 "
William Cutler	1 "	15 "
Hezekiah french	1 "	15 "
Christopher Hall	1 "	15 "
Job Cotton	1 "	15 "
Capt Josiah Rushel himself and horse		6 days each
Charles Spaulding	dito	2 " "
Abel Stafford	dito	3 " "

Reuben Jerold paid feridges for 21 men and 6 horses going out
a /3 each 6s:9d
Returning home for feridges for 17 men 6 horses 5:9
Reuben Jerold paid for Rum dealt out to the above men 5
quarts and 1 pint £3:6:0

[Gen. Chase's Papers, p. 120.]

A Return of the Quota of Continental men Belonging To
Plainfield in Co^t Jonth Chases Redgerment

	Regt. Enlisted in	Capt Enl. under	Date	Time Enl. for
Eiry Evans	Col Silly	Farewell	May 1777	3 years
Wilder Willard*	Dito	House	Dito	Dito
Negro Darock	"	"	"	"
Lemuel Dean	"	"	"	"
Ebenezer Ginnet†	"		May 1778	"
Jon th How	"		"	"
Laban Hall	"		"	9 months
Walter Blois	"		"	"
Wills Kimball	Peabody		June	7 months
John awlsworth	"		"	"
Joseph Kingsbury Bedel			May 1776	is now
among the Engians or Regelors Prisoner				
				Josiah Russell Cap ^t

[Ibid, p. 136] Cap^t Russels Return

A Return of the men of Plainfield in the Continental servis
Wilder Willard Darick a Negro Lemuel Dean in Cap^t Houses
Comp
Eire Evens in Cap^t fairwell Comp
Jese Roberts Ziba Roberts Simeon Short Ephraim Dunlap
Ebenezer Re in Connecticut Servis
M^r Hall—with maj^r waite
Asa Briggs—in the Bay State
Sept. 4, 1777.

[Ibid, p. 96]

Plainfield october y^e 26th 1778

S^r these may Inform You that the people appeared to Be In-
animous in the choice of Daniel Kimball for an Ensign in Cap^t
Josiah Russells company and suppose he ought to Be Commis-
sioned

these from your Humble Ser^t Francis Smith Maj^r
To Col^o Jonathan Chase

* Belonged in Hartford, enlisted for Plainfield.

† Belonged in New Grantham, enlisted for Plainfield.

[Ibid, p. 31] [*Petition from Inhabitants of Meriden.*]

To his Honour Jonathan Chase Esq Col^o of y^e 1st Regiment in the 3^d Briggade in the State of Vermont.

The Petition of y^e Soldiery and Alarm Men of the Parish of Meriden humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioners being allways ready to obey military orders we with y^e more boldness address your Honour on y^e following subject.

That your Petitioners being contiguously situated and desirous as much as in us lies to promote Military skill and discipline are very desirous to form a Military Company in s^d Parish which when it is considered that Plainfield being very numerous having upward of one hundred men of the trained band N. Grantham very small not more than twenty-five and to make a Company in this Parish makes it respectable and leaves a large Company in Plainfield we hope that your Honour will grant us our desire and issue orders accordingly—And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever Pray

Meriden April 30th 1781.

Charles Scott	Wilks Kimball	Abel Stevens
W ^m Huntington	Ben ⁿ Kimball	John Stevens
James Jenne	Ammi Wilson	Nathan Young
Eben ^r Jenne	Squier Wilson	Daniel Kimball
Peter King	Elijah Gleason	Abel Stafford
Isaac Williams	Hodges Cutler	Isaac Jenne
Timothy Scott	Lathrop Shurtleff	Ben. Cory
Eben ^r Brown	Nathan Parkhurst	Jonathan Parkhurst
Phillip Hopkins	Oliver Adams	Joseph Kimball
Simeon Adams	Parley Hughes	Samuel Bloss
Walter Bloss	Zadok Bloss	Thomas Gallup
Abraham Roberts	Perly Roberts	Ziba Roberts
Sample Gilkey	Jesse Roberts	John Andrews
Samuel Pool Jur	Simeon Pool	Eliphalet Adams
Caleb Cotton	John Packard	Lemuel Cotton
Tho ^s Howard	Nathan Draper	Champion Spalding
Phillip Spaulding	Job Steven	David Shapley
Alexander runalds	Jabez Shapley	Benjamin Gorden
Asa Bates	Ephraim Kile	William Kile
John Kile	Isaac Rice	Nath ^l Stafford
Phillip Jorden	Rulaf Spalding	Joseph Spalding

[Ibid, p. 114] [*Meriden Company, 1781.*]

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Parish of Meriden do Voluntarily form ourselves into a Company of Militia which

Company shall be called and known by the name of y^e Meriden Company And we do pawn our words and Honours that we will freely and chearfully submit to such officers as y^e Major part shall chuse

Meriden June y^e 25th 1781

John Andres	Nathan Young	Thomas West
Stiles Muncel	Ziba Roberts	John Stevens Jur
Perley Roberts	Eben ^r Jenne	Peter King
Thomas Gallop	Stephen Jinnings	Be ⁿ Cory
Oliver Adams	James Jenne	Sam ^l Pool Ju ^r
Eliphalet Miner	Elijah Gleason	Theophilus Howard
Be ⁿ Bugbee	Job Stevens	Joseph Spalding
Elijah Johnson	Asa Bates	Abel Stafford
Simeon Pool	Simeon Short	Eliphalet Adams
Wi ^{ll} Huntington	Zadock Bloss	Parley Hews
Isaac Williams	Hogges Cutler	Isaac Jenne
Walter Bloss	Rulaf Spalding	Philip Jorden
Sample Gilkey	Be ⁿ Jorden	Sam ^l Egglestone
Phillip Hopkins	Nathan Draper	Na ^t . Stafford
Ebe ^r Clough	Ebe ⁿ Burr	Champion Spalding
Daniel Kimball	Stephen Sq Pette-	Phillip Spalding
Abel Stevens	crew	Na ^t Taylor
Lemuel Cotton	Sam ^l Fairfield	Robert Scott
Nathan Parkhurst	Isaac Rice	Charles Scott
Jonathan Parkhurst	John Stevens 3 ^d	Na ^t Delano
Jesse Roberts	Wi ^{ll} Kile	Peter Bugbee

[Ibid, p. 162]

Plainfield Feb^r 27th 1781.

We whose Names are under Riten Do Voluntarily Inlist our Selves as Privit as Solders In Cap^t Nelsons Comp to Escort and gard on the Fruntteers Near Conne^t River and Ingage to obey our officers according to the Rule of war till the first Day of April Next if not sooner discharged as witness our hands

Ephraim Dunlap	James Kelsy	Daniel Kimball
Job Williams	Steward how	

[R. 3-123]

[*Soldiers' Orders.*]

Plainfield, Sept. 1st 1784.

Sir Please to pay the bearer the whole of my wages for service in Cap^t Steven's Company at West Point in 1784

Phillips Warren

£7.16.4

To the Treasurer of New Hampshire

[R. 3-124]

State of New Hampshire Plainfield 24 April 1785

To Mr Josia Gilman Paymaster General for said state Sr.
 please to pay the Bearer hereof the wages due to me the subscriber for going into the service of s^d state three months and a half to West Point in Cap^t Abel Stevens Company in Col. Nichols Regiment in the year 1780 and this order shall be your Receipt for the same from your Humble Ser^t

£8.19. June 14

Eben Joy

[9-33] [*Sundry Inhabitants relative to Taxes: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

Humbly shew,

Elisha Read, Andrew Tracy, Jonathan Stevens, Walter Weld, David Allen Jabez Balding John Osting William Chote, Darius Spalding Benjamin Jackson Daniel Earl, Benjamin Cole Daniel Cole Moses Weld Daniel Hovey, Ben^{ja} Joy Jun^r Ebenezer Sabings Daniel Joy Jesse Heath Moses Brigham Philip Spalding, Chapling Spalding, Gardner Dusting John Dusting Walter Smith John Spalding Barzilla Spalding James Freeman Elisha Herick Rosil Minor Benjamin Joy Samuel Read Daniel Freeman, David Perry Abel Benit Ebenezer Cole David Steavens Abel Stone John Cole Daniel Robert Aaron Palmer, Nathan Andrus Rufus Wheeler Elias Bingham & Cary all of Plainfield & Cornish in the County of Cheshire and said State—That your Petitioners have all removed into said Towns of Plainfield & Cornish from other States in the Union since the year 1780 at which time many of them were under Twenty One years of Age—that your petition^{rs} have paid all their taxes in the several states whence they have removed up to the time of their Removal—That the Selectmen of s^d Plainfield & Cornish have nevertheless assessed your Petitioners for all the Taxes of said Towns from the Commencement of the late War to the present year, thereby compelling them to pay over again Taxes for the years they had paid for before they came into this State and obliging Parents to Pay Taxes for their Children ever since they arrived to the Age of Ten years—That s^d Selectmen have further endeavored to compell those of your Petitioners who have come of Age since they became Inhabitants of this State to pay Taxes from the year 1777 when many of them were no more than ten years old.—

Your Petitioners are ready chearfully to pay all their taxes from the time they became inhabitants of their respective Towns and humbly conceive the Conduct of said Selectmen to be flagrantly unjust & oppressive and opposed to every principle of

Equity. Wherefore they pray that your honors would be pleased to take their hard Treatment under your wise Consideration—that you would exempt them from paying Taxes towards the support of a Government, to which at the Time they ought to have been paid, they did not belong, and which can serve only to ease those who have refused to pay their Taxes in season; or that your honors would take such other Order concerning the Premises as in your wisdom shall seem meet, and your Petition^{rs} as in Duty bound will every pray. &c

John Pickering for Petitioners

[9-35] [*Petition for a Ferry: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

The petition of Joseph Kimball of Plainfield humbly Sheweth that Your Petitioner hath been at the Expence of keeping a ferry across Connecticut River in Plainfield for upwards of five Years at y^e mouth of water quecher River which ferry hath been verely expensive to Your petitioner in providing boats to Serve the publick for which he hath Rec^d Little or no benefit, and expecting that in some future time it may be some profit wherefore your petitioner humbly prayeth that your Honours may take his case into your wise Consideration and grant to your petitioner the Exclusive right of a ferry begining at Lebe-non South Line extending three miles down said River, to him his heirs and assigns, and Your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray

Joseph Kimbal

[In H. of Rep., Feb. 10, 1786, the foregoing petition was granted.—ED.]

[9-36] [*Tax on Gov. Wentworth's Right.*]

Plainfield Dec^r y^e 10th 1786 This may certify that the State Tax against Bening Wentworths Right of Land in Plainfield for y^e years 1777, 1778, 1779, and 1780 amounts to three pounds twelve Shilling and the county tax for y^e above Years is three Shillings & Eight pence

Att Sam^l Fairfield Constable

Att David Perry } Selectmen For
Charles Spalding } Plainfield

[9-38] *Petition for a Poll Parish, 1788: addressed to the General Court.*]

The Petition of the subscribers inhabitants of the Towns of Cornish and Plainfield, in the County of Cheshire in said State, Humbly sheweth that the great diversity of Sentiments, in matters of Religion, and the jaring opinions concerning the most suitable place for Buildings for Religious worship, renders it impossible ever to effect such union in either of said Towns, as to enable them happily to settle and maintain, the Gospel Ministry amongst them with that harmony which ought ever to reign in Religious Societies, without a Division of said Towns into Parishes—and whereas the inhabitants of Different Sentiments, are so intermixed in their sentiments that Parish lines would not effect the desired purposes, Your petitioners therefore pray the General Court, to grant to the subscribers, with such others as may hereafter be disposed to join with them, such privelidges and immunities of a Poll Parish as may enable them to erect and maintain in proper repair a place of Publick worship and to raise and apply Money for the Support of the Ministry among them, and with such other privileges as may be necessary for the well ordering of Parish affairs,—and as in Duty bound shall ever pray—

Cornish November the 1st AD 1788.

Thomas Hall	John Whitten	James Fitch
Moody Hall	Will ^m Lewey	Samuel Fitch
Abel Johnson	Moses Chase	Joseph Kinyon Jun ^r
Nath ^l Huggins	Nahum Chase	Simon Blanchard
Will ^m Ripley	Jonathan Read	Samuel Bartlet
James Ripley	Eliphalet Kimball	James Hunter
Thomas Lewey	Jun ^r	Joshua Woodward
Jesse Johnson	Moses Barrows	Joel Hildreth
David Read	Moses Barrows Jun ^r	Walter Foss
Elisha Read	Nathan Hains	Abel Stone
Sam ^l Read	Daniel Cole	Samuel Mackres
Andrew Tracy	John Bartlet	Abel Stone Jun ^r
John Spaulding	David Smith	John Cady
Lovil Kimball	Hezekiah Fitch	Levi Stone
Elisha Herrick	Nathan Whiting	Daniel Freeman
Reuben Jerald	Benj ^a Read	Chester Chapman
Josiah Stone	John Lucas	Joseph Smith
James Ladieu	Nath ^l Bartlet	Jabez Spicer

[In H. of Rep., Nov. 8, 1788, a hearing was ordered for the next session.—Ed.]

[9-39] [*Rank of sundry Officers, 1788.*]

Elias Cady first Lieut April y^e 27th 1785, Capt May y^e 8th 1781 under Vermont

Jeremiah Spencer Capt April y^e 27th 1785 in this State, Capt May 8—1781 Vermont, Lt 1777 in this State

Joseph Smith Capt April y^e 27th 1785 in this State, first Lt Sep^r y^e 5th 1775, in this State,

Jesse Willcocks Cap^t April y^e 27th 1785 in this State 1st L^t Sep^r y^e 5th 1775 in this State Capt May 8th 1781 Vermont

Nathan Young Capt April y^e 27th 1785 in this State, Ensign May y^e 8th 1781 under Vermont—

Daniel Chase Capt April y^e 27th 1785 in this State, Second Lt Sep^r 5th 1775, first Lt Sep^r 19th 1775 all of this State

John Cook Capt April y^e 27th 1785 in this State, Ensign May y^e 19th 1775, Ensg July y^e 1st 1775 under Massach^{ts}

David Perry Capt April y^e 27th 1785 in this State, Second Lt

May y^e 1st 1775, first Lt Dec^r y^e 2^d 1776 under Connecticut

John Quimby Capt April y^e 27, 1785 in this State

State of Newhamp^r Plainfield Jan^y y^e 15th 1788

To his Excellency the President and the Hon^{ble} the Council—

May it please Your Excellency and Honours I have called on the Captains of the Several Companies of the fifteenth Regiment of Militia to produce their Credentials in order to ascertain their Rank, which is as heretofore mentioned, The reason of my making a Return in this manner I was adviz'd to it by Gen^l Chase and the other officers, therefore I hope to pardon'd not making a Return in usual form

From Your most Obed^t and Very Humble Servt

Joseph Kimbel Maj^r C D

[9-40] [*Relative to Service in Revolution.*]

Humbly sheweth the Petition of Joseph Kimbal in behalf of the Town of Plainfield that the s^d Town was called on for Eight men for the continental Service in the Year 1777—which they furnished and in the Year 1781, said Town was call'd on to furnish Eight men more of which said Town furnished two only one of which soon deserted the other served his time out which was during the War, Your Petitioner would further add that y^e abovesaid Proportions were made by dooimage, and that on examining the invoices of said Town in February 1786 it appeared that in y^e year 1777 Plainfields proportion was four men only, and as their is a large demand agt s^d Town for deficiency of men in y^e Year 1781 Your petitioner prays that their

overplus services done in 77. may be brought forward, and give credit on the deficiency for the Year 81 or otherwise grant such relief as Your Honors in their wisdom shall see cause to direct, And Your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray
Joseph Kimbal in behalf of s^d Town

[In H. of Rep., June, 1791, the matter was postponed to the next session.—ED.]

[9-42] [*Amos Stafford for Remuneration: addressed to the Legislature, 1795.*]

The Request of your Petitioner Humbly Sheweth that in the Cours of the war with Great Brittain in obedience to the orders of the Legeslator of the State of New-hampshire i did Lay my Self out to obey their orders in assisting to Raise men and aid them in their Mach to and from tyconderago with Provision & Pack hose and Raising thee three years men I did advance money in the Cause to a Considerable amount and Spent my own time as one of the Committe of Safety for the town of Plainfield and in the time when Royaltown in Vermont was burnt by indians I did by order of Generl Bellows Given mee by Capt Peter Page and Coⁿ Abel walker of Charlestown to open my house and Stores and Delt out to A Large amount in Provision and hors Keeping for four days and four Nights I Nor my wife Could not get Leasur time to ondress to take Rest for our house was full both Night and Day of men going up or Returning back all which I did in obedience to the orders of the State and Commanding officers of the State for the Support of the Cause then Depending and furthermore in obedience to the Request of the State sent out to the towns to send in theire accounts in order for A Settlement with the Unighted States Congrees I did Exhibbit my account to Sanford Kingsbery Esq^r of Clarмонт who was appointed to Receive the accounts of these towns along hear and he Exepted them as Sufficienly authenticated, and as I have allways paid my Proportion of tax to the State that has been Called for of Mee and as I have Not Received any pay for all the afore Cited Sevice and performances I pray this Honourable Boddy to Consider the Cause of the poor Petitioner Now humbly Requesting his part of the Ballanc Struck in favour of this State with the United States Congress as a Compensation for all my trouble as you in your wisdom may think Proper and as in duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

As your humble Pittioner—

Amos Stafford

[9-43] [*Relative to Glebe Land, 1795.*]

The Petition of the Select Men of Plainfield Humbly Sheweth, That there is two Rites of Land Called the Glebe and Propagating Rites Lying in s^d Town which at Present are no Benefit to the Town and Do not answer the End and Design of Their Appropriation—

Therefore your Petitioners Prayer is that your Honours wou'd Take the Matter under your wise Consideration & Grant the Town the Priviledge of Converting Either or both of the before-mentioned Rites or the use of Either or both of them for the Support of the Gospel Ministry in s^d Town or otherwise Grant, as your Honours in your wisdom Shall See fit—

Dated at Plainfield November Y^e 25th AD 1795

Zadok Bloss	} Select Men of
Chester Chapman	

[9-44] [*Kimball and Gallup for Authority to construct Locks: addressed to the General Court, 1796.*]

Humbly Sheweth the petition of Joseph Kimball & Peres Gallop that there are falls in Connecticut River oposite the Town of Plainfield known by the name Waterqueche falls which Renders the Navigation impasable with Boats which is very Injurious to those that do Business on said River therefore Your petitioners pray Your Honours to take the matter under Your Wise consideration and Grant your petitioners the Exclusive Right of Locking s^d falls, so that the Same be made Navigable for Boats &c under Such Regulations and Restrictions as Your Honours in Your Wisdom shall see cause to direct and Your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

Concord Dec^r 1st 1796

Joseph Kimball
Perez Gallup

[Petition granted Dec. 2, 1796.]

[9-45] [*For Incorporation of a Library, 1797.*]

Humbly Sheweth Daniel Kimball that he with a number of others in the Parish of Meriden purchased a Collection of Books for a Social Library but find it necessary to be incorporated in order to realize the advantages Contemplated—Therefore pray

that they may be incorporated with such privileges as are usually Granted in Such Cases, and as in Duty bound will pray

Nov^r 27th 1797

Dan^l Kimball for the purchasers

[The library was incorporated by the name of Meriden Library, Dec. 11, 1797.—ED.]

PLAISTOW.

The township was formerly a part of Haverhill, Mass., and was included in the purchase of Nov., 1642, from the Indians. After the establishment of the province line in 1741, it was called the Haverhill District until it was incorporated, Feb. 28, 1749, by the name "Plastow."

Sept. 3, 1767, the westerly half of the town was set off and incorporated into "a Parish by the name of Atkinson," with all the powers and privileges of any town in the province.

By an act approved June 28, 1831, a portion of the farm of James George was severed from Kingston and annexed to this town.

John Cooper of this town was in 1st N. H. Reg't. Entered April 27, 1778; discharged Dec. 31, 1781.

[9-19] [*Relative to election of Representatives, 1774: addressed to H. of Rep.*]

Humbly shew The Subscribers, Freeholders in y^e towns of Plastow & Hampstead & Parish of Atkinson in s^d Province, that a writ was duly Issued to y^e Selectmen of y^e s^d Towns & Parish to warn a meeting of y^e Freeholders of s^d Towns & Parish qualified to vote in y^e choice of a Representative at some convenient time & Place, to chuse some fit Person to represent them in y^e General assembly for s^d Province on y^e first Thursday in April last—that a meeting of y^e s^d Freeholders was by y^e s^d Selectmen appointed to be held on y^e Twentieth day of March last at m^r Reuben Harrimans in s^d Hampstead being a Private House—when & where many of y^e s^d Freeholders assembled & Proceeded to make such choice—that Nath^l Peabody Esq. & capt Jon^a Carlton were y^e only candidates voted for—that y^e Moderator, after examining y^e votes declared the

s^d Jon^a Carlton was chosen by a Majority of Seven votes only & return of s^d writ was made accordingly that y^e s^d Carlton was chosen. Now your Petitioners beg leave to shew to this Hon^{ble} Court, that Sundry Persons qualified & who would have voted for y^e s^d Peabody disliking y^e place of Meeting or thinking their vote would be received if Sent to y^e Moderator, were absent at that time—That Sundry others who were not qualified or Freeholders, were admitted to & did vote for y^e s^d Jon^a Carlton.

That they apprehend, if a fair meeting & Choice was made in y^e s^d Towns & Parish, Nathⁿ Peabody Esq. would have a considerable Majority—

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray this Hon^{ble} court would Set aside y^e s^d Return & give them an opportunity fairly to exercise one of their most valuable Priviledges & to come to a fair choice & as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c^a—

Plastow May 6th 1774.—

Thomas follansbe	Nath Noyes	John Dole
moses ordway	Asa Page	Stephen Dole jun
Edmund Hale	Stephen Page.	Ezekiel Belknap
Peter Dow	moses Page	Samuel Little
william Gay	James Page	Benj ^a Little Ju ^r
Richerd Cheney	James merrill	moses Little
samuel Dow	John Webster Jr	John Harriman
Benjamin Davis	Benj ^a Stone	Enoch Sawyer
John Tucker	Joseph Knight	Theophilus Goodwin
Samuel Dow Jun ^r	Daniel Poor Junr	Josah Dow
Benj ^a Kimbell	Jona Poor	Joshua Dow
Stephen Gile	John Knight jur	John Bradly
Ezekiel Dow	Joseph french	Je ^r Gilman
Abraham Chase	Ebenezer knight	James Noyes
Daniel Stevens	Joshua Knight	Henry Hale
Jeuerer	Enoch Noyes	John Knight 3 ^d
Joseph Smith	Tho ^s Noyes	Eliphalet Poor
Bejamjmn Bly	Richard Brown	Moses Belknap
Asaph Harriman	Nath ⁿ Cogswell	Joseph Little
John Heath	Enoch Knight	Ben Philbrick
Isaac Heath	John Dow	Jeremiah Poor
Jonathan Heath	Benjamin Richards	Samuel Welch
Ephraim Simmons	Daniel Richards	Daniel Stevens
Jacob Heath	Jesse Page	Benjamin petengill
Moses Bradley	Benjamin Emery	Nathan Gile
Nath ⁿ Kimball	John Ingalls	Jesse Stevns
Benj ^a Hale	Stephen Dole	John Kimball

[In H. of Rep., May 19, 1774, the petition was dismissed.
D.]

[9-20] [*Relative to Hugh Potter, 1775.*]

We your Humbel pettionars in behalf of the town of plastow humbly Sheweth that one old hue potter an old Englandman who Saith he was A Kings Solder in the Kings army & a bout twenty five years ago Come in to this town and was Seasnable warned out according to the Law of this province and is Now be Come a towns Charge & hes ben for Sum time parst—to the vallye of twelve pound L m we your humble pettionars pray you would take our Case under your Considerations and order that for the futer the s^d potter Shall be maintained by the province or Countey a fore said and we your humble pettionars as in Dutey bound Will Ever pray

Dated plastow August 28 1775

Daniel Stevens } Select men
Ezekiel Gile } for Plastow

This petition dismist

[9-21] [*Petition for a Settlement of Town Lines, 1778.*]

Humbly Shew the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Plastow in the County of Rockingham, in behalf of the Inhabitants of said Town—That in the year 1767—an Act past the general Court, erecting the westerly part of said Town, into a New Parish & investing the same with all the Privileges of other Towns, in the *then* Province, by the Name of Atkinson—That afterwards viz^t in the Year 1768, upon the Petition of James White and Samuel Kimball & others—(whose Estates were included within the Lines of Atkinson) to have Liberty to poll off with their Estates to Plastow, the General Court passed a vote in the following words, viz^t “voted that two of the Petitioners only viz^t James White & Samuel Kimball have Liberty to poll off from said Atkinson to Plastow aforesaid, with their families and Estates, both real & personal, and shall hereafter be estimated taken and adjudged to be part of, and belong to, the said Town of Plastow, and shall be adjudged liable and subject to all Duties Taxes and orders of said Town, as much, and in the same manner, as other Inhabitants of said Town, in proportion to their Estates—saving that their future purchases shall belong to the Town or Parish where they lay”—That since that Time, the said Kimball has sold his said real Estate and removed within the Line of Plastow,—That as the said Vote is silent, with regard to the said real Estates after the Demise or removal of the said White and Kimball, since the said Sale, Disputes have arisen between the said Town and Parish

concerning the Right of taxing the Estate sold, and the possessor thereof—That sometimes the said Town, and sometimes the said Parish have taxed them and collected the Tax—that they have endeavoured to settle the matter among themselves but without Effect—

That a Trial at Law for the Determination thereof would be attended with great Expence and perhaps not be satisfactorily decisive; and might be *only* productive of Animosity and Malevolence between the Inhabitants of said Town and Parish, pernicious at any Time, but more especially at this difficult and unsettled State of public Affairs—

Wherefore they pray Your Honours Consideration of the Matter—and that you would Determine and order to which the said Estate and the possessor thereof shall in future belong—as well as the Estate of the said White when it shall fall into other hands And Y^r Petitioners will gladly acquiesce in the Determination—And ever pray &c—

Joseph Welch } Selectmen of
David Bryant } Plastow

[In H. of Rep., Feb. 20, 1778, a hearing was ordered for the next session.—ED.]

[9-23] [*Capt. Gile's Resignation.*]

Plastow August 3^d 1780

Honrd Sir

As I was appointed by the General Assembly of this State to take the Command of a Company of men raised by this State to be stationed at Piscataqua Harbour for the Defence of Portsmouth These are to inform your Honour that as my affairs are now Circumstanced I must beg Liberty to Resign the Trust reposed in me

I am with great Respect Your
Hon^r most Obedt and Humb^l Serv^t

Ezekiel Gile

Hon^{bl} Meshech Weare Esq^r

President of y^e State of New Hampsh^r

[9-24] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of New Hamshir Rocking^m

In Pursuant of orders Recived from the Gennariel assembly of s^d State wee Have taken the exact number of male Polls of twenty one years of age and upward Paying for themselves a

Poll tax with in the town of Plastow the amount of which is Ninty

Plastow December y^e 9—1783

Ezekiel Gile } Selectmen for
John White } Plastow

[Sworn to before Peter Clement, Justice of the Peace.—ED.]

[R. 3-125] [*John Pollard's Petition, Soldier, 1760.*]

The Humble Petition of John Pollard of the town of Plastow in the province of New hampshir Humbly Petitioneth that Where as my Sone Hezekiah Pollard was a Listed Soldier in the year past in the Province Service under the Comand of Capt Todd and Came home Sick of which Sickness he Died I Would beg the Honourable Comittee to take the matter in Consideration and allow the Cost of the Docktr Bill and the Nurses Which is herein Inclosed and you will Greatly Ablige your Humble petitioner

John Pollard

Plastow January 29th 1760

[He was allowed £11, 17, 6, new tenor.—ED.]

[R. 3-125½ is an itemized account of Dr. Stephen Huse for attending John Pollard.—ED.]

[R. 3-126] [In a petition dated June 2, 1763, John Hazzen, as attorney for Matthew Bryant of Plaistow, stated that said Bryant "was an Inlisted Soldier In Cap^t John Hazzens Comp^a, In the year 1760, under the Command of Col^o John Goffe In the New Hampshire Regiment, & that after being dismissed from said Regim^t Came home, the second day after I was taken sick with the small pox & lay sixty days." He asked for an allowance, and was paid £8 sterling.—ED.]

[R. 3-128]

[*Soldier's Order.*]

Plastow April 20th 1778

S^r please to pay Capt Benj. Kimball all the money Due to me for Rations as an officer in Capt Pages Company in Col^o Drakes Regiment and this order shall be your full Discharge from your Humble Servant—

To Col^o Nico^s Gilman

Nathaniel Little Ensign

[R. 3-129]

[*Soldier's Receipt.*]

Received of the Selectmen of Plastow three Pound thirteen shillings three pence it being supplies for my familie whilce I wase in the Continentel army for the town of Plastow

Received by mee witness my hand

Witness

John ^{his} X Cooper
mark

Daniel Ayer Ezekiel Gile
lodgd Octo 16 1783

[R. 3-130] An account of what y^e Town of Plastow Paid y^e Wife of Samⁿ Heath at sundy Times

1780. December Paid in Beef	£72.18.0
1781 March Paid on account of wood	210. 0.0
	<hr/>
	\$282.18.0

1782 March Equil to 34 Bushel of Indⁿ Corn
Paid Equil to 7 Bushel of Indⁿ Corn

J ⁿ Ayer	} Select men for Plastow
Nat Little	
David Bryant	

[R. 3-131]

[*Mrs. Sarah Heath's Receipt.*]Plastow Jan^y y^e 1st 1783

This May Certify to the Honnareble Committey on Clames that I Sarah Heath Wife to Samuel Heath a Solder in the Con-
tenneltel armye for said town of Plastow have Rec^d of s^d town
Six Pound thirteen shillings Lawful money it Being for Sup-
plies for me and Fameley the year Past

I say Rec^d by me

Sarah ^{her} X heath
mark

Test Moses Bradley James Smith

[R. 3-132]

[*Enlistment.*]Plastow August y^e 3—1782

We the Subscribers Do Enlist our selves as Soldiers to sarve
at Portsmouth untill the Larst Day of December next unless
sooner Discharged and We Promis Submishion and obedience

to Capt Titus Saltor and any other officer that shall be set over us by him or any other Lawfull authority a Cording to the Rules and Reglations of the Contanentel Armeey

Trufram Ordway
Jesse Davies

The above named Jesse Davis Recd my orders to march ameaditely aftair the date of his in List men and to Poot him sel under the Command as mentioned above att—

Joseph Welch major

Enlisted y^e 3^d joined y^e 16 absented y^e 1st Dec with 6 others by leave from L^t Ackerman house burn'd &c

[R. 3-133] [*Petition of Jesse Davis, Soldier, who was returned as a Deserter.*]

The petetion of Jesse Davis of Plastow in the County of Rockingham in said State Humbly Sheweth—That in pursuance of Orders issued from the Honb^l committee of Safety of said State, your Hon^{rs} petitioner on the 3^d day of Aug^t ADom 1782, did inlist himself as a Soldier to serve, in the Company raised for the defence of Piscataqua Harbour, from the said 3^d of August untill the last day of December then next following—

That the petitioner, soon after his inlisting did March and actually Join the said Company, which was Commanded by Capt Titus Salter, where your Hon^{rs} petitioner did continue to perform his duty as a Soldier, to the best of his ability untill the first day of said December, during which time he with his fellow Soldiers were Necessitated to sustain very considerable hardships, with respect to provision, some times having none, at other times but scanty allowance, or else that which was damaged & not fit to be eaten by Man!

That on the said 1st of December your petetioner had not for Eight days then last past received half a days allowance of bread, and their meat had been extreamply bad—

That the Soldiers frequently petetioned their officers more especially Lieut Akerman, as the Capt was some times absent, to procure them some redress, but to no purpose; as the officers observed that no pains had been wanting on their part, but the provisions were not to be had—

And here your Honors Special Candor is humbly requested while the petetioner is under the Necessity of mentioning some disagreeable Circumstances—in hopes also that Lieut Akerman, on recollection, will not take umbrage at the rehersal—That

Lieut Akerman gave the petitioner and others to understand, that although it was not his business to give the Soldiers a proper discharge yet he was fully of opinion that their further Services were not needed, and that no inconvenience would arise from their retiring from the Service; in the full belief of which your petitioner with several others left the Company—

That the petitioner being Sick, naked, & hungry, return'd to Plastow in hopes of a little relief, but to his further distress found that the house at which he had lived for some time before he enlisted, and in which was all the little property he owned, had but few days before been burn'd with fire and he left without a farthing, which was the second unfortunate instance of the like nature that had occurred to him within a little more than one year—

In this distressed Situation, being but little more than sixteen years of age, and his father having in the Service of his Country been most inhumanly bayoneted to death by the British troops, the petitioner must have inevitably perished, not having a farthing of patrimony, or any relation of ability to give him relief, had it not been for some persons whose circumstances are far from being affluent who generously consented to afford him some assistance and wait till the petitioner should receive his wages from the public—

That on application for said wages your petitioner was inform'd he was return'd a Deserter, and no wages due to him which gave him the first Idea of his having Transgressed in the affair—

Wherefore

Your Hon^{rs} petitioner Humbly prays this Honorable Court to commiserate his distress'd Situation, and in your Great wisdom and clemency grant that he may receive the full amount of his pay for the time he was in the Service of his country, or otherwise relieve him in such way as to your Hon^{rs} it shall seem good and the petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c—

Jesse Davies

[Sworn to before Peter Clement, justice of the peace.—
ED.]

We the Subscribers freeholders of the Town of Plastow having viewed and Considered the foregoing petition of Jesse Davis, and being acquainted with him and with some of the Circumstances mention'd & set forth in his Petition, do hereby Certifie that it is our Opinion the said Davis is an honest simple well meaning young man, and that in general, from the

best information we have been able to Obtain, his petetion contains a Just State of Facts—

Plaistow Dec^r 6th 1783—

Jo ^s Smith	} Select men for Plastow Year—1782
W ^m Bradly	
David Bryent	

Moses Bartlet	} Selectmen for Plastow for 1783
Ezekiel Gile	

John Copp
David Stevens
Simeon Peaslee
Josaph colanes
Joshua Dow
Moses Harriman
Daniel Stevens
James Smith
Moses Bly
James Blye

Dn Joseph Hariman
Asaph Hariman
Isaac Heath
Job Eaton
Ezekiel Dow
Leonard Harriman
John Heath
Benjⁿ Bly
John Harriman

[R. 3-134]

State of Newhamps^r In House of Representatives Dec^r 26th 1783

The Committee on the petition of Jesse Davis & all Similar Matter, Report that Jesse Davis, Nathan Berry & Paul Clarke, who are Returned Deserters by Capt Titus Salter on his Roll for the year 1782, be paid for the full Time they were in the Service Sign'd Nath^l Folsom for the Committee which Report being Read & Considered, Voted that it be Receiv'd & Excepted & that the President give order accordingly—

Sent up for Concurrence

John Dudley—Speaker

In Council the Same day read and Concurred

E Thompson Secy

[9-25] [*Relative to Class for Representative, 1786.*]

State of New Hampshire Rockingham ss

This May Certerfy that at a leagel meeting held at the meeting House in the Town of Plastow on Tuesday y^e 21 Day of November 1786 after deliberating on the matter of haveing the Towns of Hampstied Atkinson and Plastow Classed to Gether in the Choise of Representitives for the futer it was put to Vote and no person appeared to Vote for the same and being put to

the Contrary Voted that the three towns aforesaid should not be classed in the choice of a representative for the futter as Witness my hand

David Stevens Town Clark

9-26] [*Vote of Town relative to Paper Money, 1786.*]

State of Newhampshire Rockingham ss.

At a Leagel Meeting held at the Meeting House in the town of Plastow on tuesday the 21st Day of November A:D: 1786 for the purpose of takeing under Consideration the plan for making a paper Currenecy a Greable to the Direction of the Hon^o General Cort &c the said plan Being read and Considred it was put to Vote to see if the town would except it—no person Voted for to except s^d plan and being put to the Conteraye 13 Persons Voted not to reseve s^d plan and also Voted not to make aney amendments or alterations &c—

Witness our hands

Jos Smith	} Selectmen for Plastow
Jn ^o Ayer	
Amos Sawyer	

[See Atkinson papers, Vol. XI.—ED.]

[9-27] [*Relative to Representative Class, 1786.*]

The petition of us the Subscribers Inhabitance of the towns Plastow & Atkinson in Said State and Each man paying a poll tax for him Self tharein humbly Sheweth that whereas the Inhabitance of hampstead have petitioned the general Court Setting forth their Desire to Be annexed to the fore Said Towns plastow & Atkinson in Sending a Representative to Represent Said Towns at the general Court in Said State we your petitioners Considering the Situation of the inhabitance of Said Hampstead they Being unrepresented in Said general Court By Reason of their Not having a Sufficiency of polls for that purpose and it Being Disconvenant for said Hampestead to Be Classed with Any other Towns then those above mentioned for the purpose aforesaid we therefore freely give our Consent too and Desire you would annex Said Hampstead with Said plastow and Atkinson & that those three Towns make But one Class for Sending a Representative for the future and your petitionars as in Duty Bound will ever pray

Jonathan Sawyer	Moses Bly	Samuel Dow
Stephen Woodward	Joseph Harriman	John Dow
Christopher Clement	John Kimball	Benjamin Carleton

James Woodward	Jon ^a Kimball	Samuel Welch
zebediah sargent	Joseph Kimball	Ezekeiel flanders
Thomas Hall	John Jeffers	James Blye
John Hall	Nat ^b Bradley	Leonard Harriman
Peter Harriman	Jonathan Kimball	David Stevens
Sam ^l Heath	W ^m Bradly	David Stevens Juner
John Herriman	Noah Jackman	Simon peaslee
moses Jackman	Samuel Kimball	Moses ordway
David Hariman	Joseph Welch	Ezekiel Dow
Reuben Gile	David Bryent	John Chase
Salvenus Noyce	Samuel Harriman	Nathaneil Bartlet
Nathaniel Little	William Ayer	Asa Kimball
Isaiah Johnson	Daniel Ayer	Joseph Ayer
James Noyes	Wiliam farnam	Job Eatton
John Bradley	Simons Follansbe	Jesse Eaton
Benjamin Davis	Joseph Adams	Benj ^a Bly
moses Simons	Moses Bartlet	Jonathan Heath
moses Harriman	Deniel Bartlet	Joshua Dow
John Kelly	Nathaniel Cheney	Nath ^l Kimball
John Stevens	iun ^r	Chase Stevens
Isaac Noyes	Nathaniel Cheney	

[See Vol. XI, p. 93.—ED.]

[9-28] *[Instructions to the Legislature: addressed to the
H. of Rep., 1786.]*

Whereas the Good people of this State have for Some time laboured under Grate difficualtes for want of a Sufficiantcy of money to Carey on the Common business in S^d State—and also labouring under maney other Difficalteys which may be removed to the Grate advantage of the Cytisons of S^d State tharefore at a leagel town Metting held at the meeting House in the town of Plastow on the 28th of August 1786—on purpose to take under Considration the Difficalteys as afforesaid and praying that the Same may be remved—Voted firstly to recommend to the Hon^{be} General Cort to make a Some of paper money for a Curcullateing meadem for the benefit of this State &c 2^{ly} Voted to recommend to s^d Corte to have the infearor Courts in this State put by for the futer as being unnesserey and ingereus to the Commonwelth of this State 3^{ly} Voted to recommed to S^d Corte that the Justices of the peace be impowered to try aney Case or Causes that is now brot to the infearor Courts &c—4^{ly} Voted to recommed to s^d Cort that if y^e Excise on Spiritus likure must be Continued to order and impower the Selectmen in thear respective towns to collect the excise and return the same to the

Trsurey of S^d State 5^{ly} Voted to recommend to S^d Cort to pass an act to impower the town Clarks in thear respective towns within this State to receive all Deeds within thear towns and record the Same—6^y Voted to recommend to s^d Cort that the Constabels within thear respective towns within this State may be impowered to Serve aney and all precepts that Shall Come to thear hands from Lawful athoriety 7^{ly} Voted that there be no Deputy Shireff Within the State afors^d for the futer

David Stevens Town Clark

[9-29] [*Petition in favor of Joseph Welch: addressed to the President and Council.*]

We the Subscribers being freeholders in y^e Town of Plastow in said County; whereas Joseph Welch Esq^r of said Town, has been for upwards of Ten Years past an Officer in y^e Regiment in this place, as well as Justice of y^e Peace in & for said Town & County; we understand that by the new arangement of Officers that y^e s^d Welch has no appointment in either; we your humble petitioners look upon y^e s^d Welch as an useful member of Society, & therefore pray that your Excellency with y^e advise & consent of y^e Council would continue y^e said Welch in y^e Office of Justice in & for said Town & County. And your humble petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Jonathan Kimball	Amos davis	James Noyes
John Hall	Moses Davis	Isaiah Johnson
David Bryant	Samul Dow	Nathaniel Little
Th ^o Hall	Nath ^l Cheney	Sam ^l Heath
Leonard Harriman	Nathaniel Cheney in ^r	Timothy Noyes
Moses Harriman	John Tucker	John Harriman
Moses Bartlet	Simeon Peaslee	Moses Bly
Joshua Dow	Samuel Dow Ju ^r	James Bly
Samuel Kimball	Daniel Stevens	Benj ^a Bly
W ^m farnam	Jos Bradley	Joseph Harriman
Jn ^o Ayer	Chase Stevens	John Bradley
William Ayer	moses Jackman	Jonathan hath
Daniel Ayer	David Harriman	Jo ^a Kimball
Joseph Adams	Noah Jackman	
Simons Follonsbe	Alexander Stevns	

[9-30] [*Relative to the Claims of Allen's Heirs, etc.: addressed to the General Court, 1786.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Plastow in the sate aforesaid Humbly Sheweth, That Whereas at this Present time their is a great Commotion among the People in said State Occationed (as we think) by Some Lead-

ing and Designing men in said State of New Hampshire afore-said, and to Prevent many and great evils which we fear will insue (unless Soon Prevented) we do Present this our Humble Petition Praying your Honours to Enact the Following Articles (Viz)—

1st That you would not allow those Persons, Purchasers of the Allen Claim So Call^d any Part of their Claim within this State—

2^{ly} That not any of those Persons that are Purchasers of the said Allen Claim hold any Commission of Profit or Honour in said State, for the Space of One year—

3^{ly} That the General Court take up the Matter Respecting of the Clame of the Masonian Property (so Call^d) to Certain Lands in this State as we Think their Title is not good & Valued and that the said Certain Land Claimed by them be Converted to the Use of said State—

4^{ly} That there be a Bank of Paper money made to Redeem this State Notes, Certificates, &c—

5^{ly} That the General Court Petition Congress to Redeem the Continental Paper Currency that is in the Treasury in the State the same being more then was our Proportion—

6^{ly} That the Ports and Harbers in this State be opened and a Free Trade with all, Except the Refugees

Plastow June y^e 2^d 1786

John Hall	Sam ^l Kimball	Moses Jackman
Nath ^l Kimball	Samuel Dow	Jonathan Heath
Joshua Dow	Nathaneil Bartlet	John Harriman
Peter Harriman	John Stevens	Benj Bly
David Bryant	Aleander Stevens	James Bly
Jn ^o Ayer	Chase Stevens	Moses Bly
Simons Follansbee	Moses Bartlett	Joseph Kimball
Joseph Ayer	W ^m Farnham	Thomas Hall
Jonathan Kimball	Daniel Stevens	John Bradley
William Ayer	Moses Davis	William Bradly
Daniel Ayer	John Chase	Nathaniel Bradley
Stephen Heath	Benj ^a Davis	Leonard Harriman
Joseph Adams	Nathaniel Little	Moses Harriman
John Dow	Isaac Noyes	

PLYMOUTH.

The township was granted, July 15, 1763, to Joseph Blanchard and sixty-one others, and contained a portion of the present town of Hebron.

In 1764 Zachariah Parker, James Hobart, Stephen and David Webster, and others from Hollis, settled in the town.

By an act passed June 15, 1792, the south-west portion of the town was taken off, combined with a portion of Cockermouth, now Groton, and incorporated into the town of Hebron. A committee was appointed by the legislature, Oct. 27, 1780, to settle the bounds of this and other towns in Grafton county (see Vol. XI, p. 729), and their report, which was accepted, took off a tract of land from the north side of Plymouth, which the inhabitants considered as belonging to that town and petitioned to have restored, which was done by an act passed June 21, 1793. The same act also annexed to Plymouth some lots of land belonging to Nathaniel Peabody, known as "the Everett Farm and Withey Lot."

June 26, 1845, some lots were severed from the north-east corner of Hebron and annexed to this town. Plymouth was further enlarged by the annexation of a portion of Campton, June 27, 1860. The State Normal School was established in this town in 1870, and the town was connected with Campton by telephone in 1881.

[9-46] [*Petition for a Survey of the Town, 1772.*]

The petition of Samuel Livermore & David Hobart two of the proprietors of the common and undivided Land lying within the township of Plimouth in said province in behalf of themselves and the rest of the proprietors of said common and undivided land in said town of Plimouth humbly sheweth That the said town of Plimouth was originally granted by the following boundarys namely beginning at the westerly side of Pemigwasset river opposite to the northwest corner of New-Holderness where the line of Campton comes to the said river from thence westerly about three miles by the south line of Campton to the southwest corner thereof which is the northeast corner of Cockermouth from thence south thirty degrees west five miles and one half mile by said Cockermouth to the southeasterly corner thereof from thence south 37 degrees west by a tract of land called Cardigan six miles to the northerly line of Newchester so called from thence northeasterly by the line of New Chester about eleven miles to Pemigwasset river from thence up said river as the same tends to the place began at which township or tract of land bounded & described as aforesaid was supposed to contain five miles and a half square or

17000 Acres. The petitioners further shew that the said northeast corner of Cockermouth was never ascertained by any authoritative Survey excepting what was done by Robert Fletcher Esq who by order of his majestys Inferiour Court of Common Pleas held for said province in March AD 1767 with two chain-men under oath surveyd so much of the towns of Lyme Dorchester and Cockermouth as to fix the said northeast corner of Cockermouth on a certain course nineteen miles from Connecticut river by which same survey the said township of Plimouth was found to contain more land than had before been supposed. The said Petitioners farther shew that they have at a very great expence laid out a considerable part of said Tract or township into lots & made roads not only within the said township but for the distance of twenty eight miles to the next nearest Settlement when they began the settlement of Plimouth. That some of their lots improved & settled do not fall within the quantity of 17000 acres altho they are literally within the bounds of their charter. The Pet^{rs} therefore pray your Excellency & honours Consideration on the premisses and that a new survey may be made of said town of Plimouth to begin at Pemigewasset river opposite the northwest corner of New Holderness & to run from thence on a straight line to a hemlock tree newmarked by said Robert Fletcher Esq nineteen miles on a certain course from Connecticut river for the northeast corner of Cockermouth and from thence South thirty degrees west five miles & a half to the Northeast corner of Cardigan and from thence South 37 degrees west six miles to the southeast Corner of Cardigan thence turning easterly & running on the same point that the southerly sideline of Cardigan runs to the line commonly called the patent line thence by said Patent line to Pemigewasset river & thence by the said river to the bounds first mentioned And that all the said last mentioned boundarys when surveyed & marked may be established as the boundarys of the said town of Plimouth & that all the land therein contained over & above the five miles & a half square or 17000 acres mentioned in their first Charter may be granted to the Petitioners to hold in proportion to their respective present interest in the common & undivided lands in Plimouth. And the Petitioners &ca shall ever pray &ca

Sam Livermore for the petitioners

November 27th 1772.

Memorandum The foregoing Petition is presented by the consent & concurrence of the Subscriber being a patentee of three thousand acres within the bounds aforesaid.

John Fenton

March 23 1773 This Petition was dismissed

Geo: King D. Sec'y

[9-47] [*Relative to Orders for raising a Company of Soldiers: addressed to the Committee of Safety or Colonial Congress, 1775.*]

Gentlemen—

Whereas it hath been Represented to us by Mr Abel Webster member of the Colony Congress for the Town of Plymouth in the County of Grafton, That your Honours propos'd & ordered one Company of Foot to be Raised in the County of Grafton, for the Defence of the Country one half of said Company to be raised in the Towns Scituate on Conecticut River & the other half on the Towns Scituate on Pemegiwassitte River, and that the Orders for Raising said Company was delivered to Israel Morey Esq^r of Orford to be by him communicated to said Webster & by them to be proportioned upon each River, Yet Nevertheless as we Understand the said Israel Morey Esq^r keeps the said orders to himself or from this part of the County in order to raise the whole of said Company on Connecticutt River as he has had no connection or advice with said Webster or any other person in this part of the County concerning the same We therefore the agents of the several Towns hereafter Mentioned beg Leave to remonstrate to Your Honours against the proceeding of said Esq^r Morey, conceiving that by his thus proceeding he has not only thwarted the order and advice of Congress or said Committee of Safety but also put this part of the County under a very Uneaquel footing with the other part in bearing the publick charge in not having the Priviledge in raising our proportion of Men, We therefore desire that Your Honours would Interpose in said affair by pointing out to the said Esq^r Morey the Path of Justice & Generosity by ordering him to Give up the orders to this part of the County to raise half of said Company or otherwise as Your Honors think proper

Plymouth 23^d June 1775

For Plymouth Sam^l Emerson

Rumney Jonathan hall

For N. Holderness Sam^l Sheperd

For N Chest^r Carr Huse

Thornton Ezekiel Eliot

Cockersmouth Ebenezar Kendall

For Alexandrae Jonathⁿ Cauleys

Campton Gershom Burbanks

Read & voted to put off the consideration of this Petition till
Col^o Hurd is present July 1st 1775

[9-48] [*Relative to the election of a Representative: addressed to the Colonial Congress, 1775.*]

Plymouth 13th Dec^r 1775

To the Honorable Congress of the Colony of New-Hampshire—

May it please your Honors—

We your humble petitioners, beg leave to lay before you our Remonstrances against the proceedings, at a Meeting of a Number of the Inhabitants of this Town together with a few from the Towns of New-Chester, Cockermouth and Alexandria, held at the Court-House in Plimouth, the 12th of this Instant in order to make choice of a Delegate to represent said Towns in Provincial Congress.

We beg leave to inform your Honors, that the Inhabitants of the Town of Alexandria, by reason of the distance of Way, and Difficulty of Traveling at this time of the Year, convened, and chose Men, and sent them to Plimouth to act in behalf of the Town; but they were suffered to act, in no other Capacity than as Individuals, by which means they were deprived of a Share in the Choice of a Representative—Also that a party Spirit has much prevailed in this Town of late which we are very sorry for—And we think sundry People have been influenced thereby—And that the Gentleman lately elected, was chosen by a party. And we think Things have not been fairly conducted.

We are dissatisfied with the above proceedings, therefore beg of your Honors to condescend so far as to grant a Warrant for another Meeting or permit another Choice to be made, in such a Manner, as that the whole may have a Voice in said Election—

avid Webster

Silos Brown

Sam^l Derbon

Edward Evans

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Jacob mash

Samuel marsh

Benjamin Wells

Benjamin Darbon

Dismissed

Stephen Webster Jun^r

Peter Emerson

Winthrop Wells

John webber

Jonas Ward

Amos Fish

Paul Wells

Josiah Brown

Joseph Read

[R. 3-136.] [*Supplies furnished, 1778 and 1779.*]

An account of the Money Supplied the Families of the Soldiers in the Town of Plymouth ingaged in the Continental Service—The Supplies from the Tenth day of March 1778 to the

Tenth of March 1779 according to the Select Mens accounts & Records for that year are as follows

	Paid by the Soldier	Extra Expenses paid by the Town	Total
James Barns	£10- 4- 9	£68-13-10	£78-18-7
Benjamin Phillips	8-12-11	50- 3-10	58-16- 9
Edward Evins	6- 4- 9	39- 5- 8	45-10- 6
	<hr/> £25- 2- 5	<hr/> £158- 3- 5	<hr/> £183- 5-10

And the Supplies from the Tenth day of March 1779 to the first day of January 1780 are as follows

James Barns	£9-13-9	£126-14-3	£136- 8-0
Benjamin Phillips	12- 8-0	164-16-6	177- 4-6
Edward Evins	8-17-9	164- 7-0	173- 4-9
	<hr/> £30-19-6	<hr/> £455-17-9	<hr/> £486-17-3

Plymouth January 29th 1780

Sam^l Emerson
John Willoughby } Select Men
Benjⁿ Goold }

[Willoughby and Goold were sworn before Samuel Emerson.—ED.]

[R. 3-137.] [*Col. Hobart's Resignation, 1779.*]

To the Honorable General Court for the State of New Hampshire—
Gentlemen—

I have been Honoured with the Command of the Eleventh Regiment of Militia in this State for some years past, which trust I have Discharged according to the best of my Capacity—and by change of Circumstances. it will be inconvenient for me to serve in this Station any longer—Wherefore I beg leave to Resign this public trust, & accordingly Do Resign this command, & beg the Honorable Court to accept the Same

I am Gentlemen your most obedient Humble Servant

David Hobart

Plymouth June 14th 1779

[R. 3-138] [*David Nevins, Soldier.*]

This may Certify whom it may concern that John Nevins of Plymouth in the County of Grafton and State of Newhampshire is the only Brother to David Nevins late of s^d Plymouth who

was a Continental Soldier in Co^l Scammels or Reads Regiment or both now deceas^d & that the said John is the only male Heir to s^d Davids Estate he having besides but only two sisters & therefore no Impediment in the way that we know of but that he may draw the wages or what ever may be due from the State to the S^d David or his Estate

Sam^l Emerson } Selectmen
William George } of Plymouth

Plymouth 19th Jan^{ry} 1784.

[R. 3-139]

[*Mrs. Barns's Order.*]

John Taylor Gilman Esq^r Treas^r of the State of Newhampshire Sir please to pay Joseph Senter Esq^r the wages due to me on Account of my late husband James Barns Deceas^d being late a Continental Soldier of one of the Quota of the Town of Plymouth and you will oblige yours &c—

Plymouth 22nd October 1784

Submit ^{her} X Barns
mark

Test Sam^l Emerson

[9-49]

[*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Plymouth 12th December 1783—

This may Certify, that there is Ninety two Male polls upwards of Twenty one years of Age paying for themselves a poll Tax in the Town of Plymouth, There is also over and above said Ninety two, five Soldiers returned home from the Continental Service since the first day of April last belonging to said Plymouth upwards of Twenty one years of Age on said first day of April last

Sam^l Emerson } Selectmen
William George }

[Sworn to before Samuel Emerson and Moses Dow, justices of the peace.—ED.]

[9-50] [*Petition for Authority to raise Money by Lottery to build a Bridge, 1785.*]

Humbly shew the subscribers that in travelling the main road from Coos to the Center & Sea ports of the State, they are obliged to cross Bakers River in Plymouth, which is so large

as to be fordable, only a small part of the year, & in cold weather, it is often partly frozen & partly open, so as to render it difficult to pass. That within a few years last past, several Bridges have been built over said River in Plymouth & Rumney at the expence of said Towns or individuals—which tho at a considerable distance out of the main road of travelling, were of great public utility, so long as they continued—

That the Inhabitants of said Towns who live near the place where said river is generally crossed, have within two years last past, been at great expence in building a bridge there, but as yet have not been able to finish, or even make it passable, & that finding the object too great for their convenience, have given over the pursuit—

That so far as they have proceeded in building said bridge which is considerable, has as yet, with but a trifle of damage withstood the attacks of the late severest freshet ever known while all the other bridges have been swept away

That your petitioners are fully of opinion, that if said bridge could be finished, it would stand. & render great service & be of general convenience to the public, until the timbers thereof should become rotten—And therefore pray your Honors to grant a Lottery, under due regulations. to raise two hundred pounds, which they conceive to be sufficient for the purpose, & to appoint suitable managers for the same

They beg leave further to suggest, in this time of general scarcity of money, that as wheat is the produce of that part of the County, if said Lottery should be bottomed, upon that article, it would be most likely, to answer the end proposed

All which your petitioners, pray your Honors to consider with due deliberation, & make such order thereon, as may appear most for the public good—

And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c—

Concord Oct^r 31—1785

Moses Dow in behalf & at the request of a number of
the Inhabitants of Rumney & Plymouth—

Noah Worcester	David Webster	Eben ^r Webster
Abraham Burnham	Richard Jenness	Robert Smith
John Young	Robert Colburn	
William Simpson	Elisha Payne	

[In H. of Rep., Nov. 8, 1785, the petitioners were granted leave to bring in a bill. Senate concurred.—ED.]

[9-51] [*Consent of Town to the severing of the south-west part, 1791.*]

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Plymouth in the County of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the meeting house in said town on friday the second day of December AD 1791 by adjournment—It was Voted—

To accept the report of the Committee appointed to take a Survey of the land in the Southwesterly part of Plymouth so far as to establish a line proper for the dividing line betwixt said Plymouth and the land Petitioned for to set off in a new township, which line is—begining at a hemlock tree standing on the Patten line (so called) or the dividing line betwixt Plymouth and Bridgwater one mile and one hundred and thirty seven rods easterly from newfound pond, from thence north seventeen degrees west two miles and two hundred and twenty six rods to the Southwest corner of Benjamin Taylors lot, from thence north forty five degrees west forty eight rods to the South-east corner of lot number three in the second range, from thence north sixty degrees west on the dividing lines betwixt the lots Number three and four in the first and second ranges in the last division of fifty acre lots, and so on the same course to Cockermouth line, and that we are willing that all the Lands on the Southwesterly side of said line laying in Plymouth be set off and Incorporated into a new township agreeable to the prayer of the Petition—

Extract from the votes of said meeting—

Coppy of Record exam^d—

Sam^l Emerson Town Clerk

[9-52] [*Petition of sundry Inhabitants to be incorporated into a new Town, 1791.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers humbly sheweth that by a late establishment of the Boundaries of the Town of Plymouth, (of which we are Inhabitants,) Our Connection with said Town of Plymouth is rendered exceeding difficult, as the road at present is new & in a great Measure unoccupied, & the Length of way from the principal part of us nearly Six miles to the now Centre of said Plymouth, & further. that the greater part of us have been at a great expence in Settling a Gospel minister & Supporting the Gospel among ourselves without any assistance of the Town of Plymouth aforesaid, & having previously obtained approbation of the Inhabitants of said Plymouth by a

unanimous Vote herewith inclos'd & preferred to Your honours, Signifying that Our desires may be fully gratify'd—

Wherefore we pray that Such a part of said Plymouth as is expressed by meets & Bounds (in said Vote herewith preferred by the Bearer William Cummings) may be set off, & incorporated into a Township by the Name of Weston, & that we the Inhabitants of the same may be invested with Town Privileges in Such way as Your Honour's in Wisdom may Judge fit

And We your Honour's Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Plymouth Dec^r 7th 1791—

Eben Kendall	John W Kendall	Evan Bartlet
Josiah Hobart	Jacob Lovejoy	Benj ^a Hazelton
uriah Pike	Jacob Perkins	Jonathan Morss
Simeon Lovejoy	James Colburn	David Cheney
Ebenezer Kendall	Samuel Hazaltun	Jerahmeel Bowers
Ju	W ^m Cummings Jun ^r	Jonathan Bartlett

[The territory was set off, combined with a part of Cockermouth, and incorporated into the town of Hebron, June 15, 1792.—Ed.]

[9-53]

[*Relative to the disputed Line.*]

This may Certify whom it may Concern that Concerning the lands between Campton and Plymouth (in Dispute) which Plymouth pretend to hold because laid out by the propriators of said plymouth and Settle^d under plymouth which is said that was never Disputed till very lately until the line was Established by the Courts Committee Nor Ever till said plymouth petitioned Campton to be Anexed to said plymouth—which may appear to the Contrary

In the first place plymouth knew that Campton held a Straight line from New Holderness Northwest Corner to Cockermouth Northeast Corner and them two Corners was well known by the first Settlers of said plymouth—

In the second place those Inhabitants on said lands acknowledged themselves under the Jurisdiction of Campton by holding Millitary Commissions and Offices in town affairs which may be made to appear and thirdly before the said Courts Committee run said line the said Inhabitants several of them living on said lands purchased undivided Shares in Campton in Order to Cover their lands which they knew would fall into said Campton After the said Committee run said line the Inhabitants aforesaid refused to Come under the Juridicon of said Campton till matters were Settled between plymouth and Cockermouth in

regard to lands that were taken of Cockermouth by said Committee and in the mean time that those Matters were in adjation plymouth Pitched for their Meeting house and built it within one Mile of the Committees line and laid out all their wild lands wouth Settling in to lots and picked those that they thought worth Settling and left the rest for the proprietors of Campton for a Compensation for those lands that plymouth had laid out in Campton and then petitioned said Campton to have the aforesaid Inhabitants to be anexed to said plymouth

[9-54 is a crude plan, showing the Blanchard line and the committee's line.—ED.]

[9-55] [*Relative to setting off the south-west part of the Town, 1792.*]

This may Certify that the Inhabitants of the town of Plymouth have been served with a Copy of a Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of the Towns, of Plymouth and Cockermouth (respecting Incorporating a New Township)—and the order of Court thereon, and have no objection provided that a former vote of the Inhabitants of said Plymouth respeting the dividing line betwixt said Plymouth and said newtownship (a copy of which vote has already been given the Petitioners) be strictly adheard to—In behalf of the Inhabitants of said Plymouth—

Plymouth June 9th 1792

Sam^l Emerson one of
the Selectmen of Plymouth

[9-56] [*Vote of Town relative to the disputed Land, 1792.*]

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Plymouth in the County of Grafton held by adjournment at the dwelling house of Joseph Herrik in said Plymouth on friday the 29th day of November 1792

It was Voted, That the town Petition the General Court to have the tract of land with its Inhabitants lying betwixt Blanchards line (so called) and the Dividing line established by a Committee of the General Court betwixt Plymouth and Campton annexed to said Plymouth—also—

Voted, That John Porter esq^r is chosen Agent in behalf of said Plymouth with full Power to Petition the General Court for the purpose aforesaid, and pursue said affair in order to have the same Completed as soon as may be.

Extracts from the proceedings of said meeting and a true Copy of Record examined P^r

Sam^l Emerson town Clerk

[9-57] [*Petition for the Annexation of the disputed Territory to Plymouth: addressed to the General Court, 1792.*]

The Petition of us the subscribers Humbly Sheweth—That by the dividing line betwixt Plymouth and Campton as lately Established by the Hon^{ble} Joseph Badger esq^r and others a Committee appointed by an act of the General Court, a tract of land with its Inhabitants is taken off of what has been held to be part of Plymouth and laid on to Campton, said Tract bounding on the South by said Committees line, on the north on Blanchards line so called, and on Rumney line about one mile on the west, said lines nearly Intersecting each other that is the Committees line and Blanchards line near Pemegiwasette river on the east, Therefore your Petitioners Inhabitants of said tract of Land and others Improvers and owners of Land therein further Shew—That we have ever Injoyed our Selves and lands under the Jurisdiction of Plymouth ever since the Incorporation thereof, and Still desirous so to remain—That we have with said Plymouth been our proportion of expence in Settling and maintaining a minister and in all public buildings taxes and expences, That it is much more convenient for us to belong to the town of Plymouth than Campton being much connected with and living near the center of the Inhabitants of Plymouth and much disconnected with and living very remote from the center of the Inhabitants of Campton—We therefore pray your Honours to take our cause under consideration and that said tract of Land with its Inhabitants may be annexed to, or remain to the town of Plymouth, and that said Plymouth have and continue Jurisdiction of the same and the Preambulation of the line betwixt Plymouth and Campton be put of till the determination of the General Court hereon, or otherwise act thereon as you may think best, and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

Plymouth December 8th 1792—

Sam^l Emerson
Jacob Merrill
George All
Ebenezer Blodget
James Harvell
Onsyphrous Marsh
Benjⁿ Goold

Jacob marsh
Samuel Marsh
thomas m^cCluer
Joshua Thornton
Jacob Giddings
Jacob Smith
William Greenough

Ephraim Keyes
Winthrop Wells
Benjamin Wells
Elisha Bean

Peter Dearban
Peter Webster
David Alls

[The land in question was annexed to Plymouth by an act passed June 21, 1793.—ED.]

[9-58] [*Petition of the Town Agent for the Annexation of the disputed Territory: addressed to the General Court, 1792.*]

Humbly Shew the Inhabitants of Plymouth in said State, that in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty, a Committee was appointed by an Act of the General Court to survey and lay out certain Townships within the Counties of Strafford and Grafton, the Boundaries of which had never before been ascertain'd, and, that, in laying out the Townships of Plymouth and Campton, the said Committee annexed to the said Township of Campton a Gore of Land about one mile in width at the Base and ending Pemigewasset River nearly in a Point; which Gore of Land was originally laid out and settled by the Proprietors of Plymouth—and whereas, in and by said act, it was provided that no Settler should be disturbed in laying out the Townships aforesaid; but that the Proprietors, under whom such Settler had bought and improved, should pay and satisfy the Proprietors, from whom Lands had been wrongfully taken, in other new and unimproved Lands

and whereas the Proprietors of Plymouth have since paid and satisfied the Proprietors of Campton for the Gore of Land aforesaid agreeably to the act aforesaid—We your Petitioners humbly pray that the same may be reannexed to, and incorporated with the said Town of Plymouth and subject to the Jurisdiction thereof; and that the Law of this State, enjoining Selectmen to perambulate the Lines of their respective Towns, at certain Periods therein mentioned, may be suspended in its operation, (if necessary) so far as respects the Line between the said Towns of Plymouth and Campton, 'till a Decision may be had on the Premises; and your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, will ever pray for &c^a

John Porter Agent for the Inhabitants
of Plymouth

December 17th 1792—

[See preceding document.—ED.]

[9-59] [*Petition for Authority to send a Representative: addressed to the General Court, 1799.*]

Humbly Shew

The Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth in s^d State, that having very nearly attained to the constitutional number requisite for electing a Representative, *wish* for the privilege of electing one—as several Towns in the State, having a less number of voters than Plymouth, have obtained the like privilege on petition—

that the Town of Wentworth (lately classed with Orford, & now a remnant) hath petitioned to be classed with the Town of Rumney, for the like purpose—wherefore, your Petitioners (conceiving a propriety in the request) pray that you would take the matter under your wise consideration, & grant us said privilege—& we, as in Duty bound, shall ever pray &c

Plymouth Nov^r 18, 1799—

Henry Cumings	Sam ^l Greenleaf	W ^m Currier
Franis Worcester	Reuben Dearbon	Daniel Currier
Rich ^d Bayley	Isreal Hoyt	Jacob Fellows
David Hazeltine	W ^m George Jun ^r	James Garman
Joseph Bayley	Jabez H Weld	Joseph F. Cumings
Moses Hull	Abner Willoughby	Abel Chamberlain
Jacob Merrill Ju ^r	William Webster	Jon ^a Robbins
John Porter	Phinehas Walker	Nath ^l Emerson
Tho ^s Harriman	Currier Barnard	Ephraim Keyes
John Willoughby	John Farnum	Moses Emerson
Jonas Keyes	Moses French	Jacob Smith
Joseph Read	Samuel Stearns	Nasson West
Benj ^a Goold	James McCluer	Winthrop Wells
Sam ^l Emerson	Rich ^d Bayley Ju ^r	David Richardson
David Webster	Enoch Ward	Elisha Bean
Sam ^l Wells	Jon ^a Robbins Jr	Joshua Thornton
Jacob Merrill	Peter McQuestin	David Alls
John Rogers	Isaac Ward	Sargent Bartlett
Jotham Cumings Ju ^r	Daniel Ward	John Ridout
Dan ^l C Webster	W ^m George	Joseph Clifford
Jon ^a Cumings	Moses George	Simeon Blodget
Zachariah Parker	King George	Sam ^l Morse
Giles Merrill	John Webber	Enoch Melvin
James Miller	Peter Webster	John Keyes
John Hull	Peter Dearben	Edward Senter
Jeremiah Smith	Amos Webster	Jacob Draper
Philip Wells	Edmund Webber	Jacob Draper Jun ^r
James Harvell	Ebenezer Emerson	Gain Robertson

G W Webster	Jon ^a Emerson	Christ B Noyes
Ephr ^m Farnum	James Ryan	Asa Robbins
Stephen Bartlett	Thomas Fuller	
Joseph Cochran	Aaron Stearns	
Total 94		

[In H. of Rep., December 10, 1799, the foregoing request was granted. The senate concurred.—ED.]

PORTSMOUTH.

The township was included in the grant to Mason and Gorges of August 10, 1622, and a settlement was made the following year at a place since known as Odiorne's Point, now in Newcastle, by one David Thompson.

A grant was made in 1631 by the council of Plymouth of territory for a township on the Piscataqua river and harbor, which covered what is now Portsmouth, Newcastle, Rye, and portions of Greenland and Newington.

A settlement was made where the city now is, which went by the names of Piscataqua and Strawberry-bank until, in answer to a petition from the inhabitants thereof in May, 1753, to the government of Massachusetts, which had jurisdiction over it, it received its present name, which was deemed suitable, "it being the River's mouth & a good harbour."

Newcastle was set off in 1693; Greenland partially in 1704, and fully in 1721.

Portsmouth was for many years the financial and governmental centre of the province—the home of its chief magistrates and men of wealth and influence. It contains buildings, paintings, and localities of historic interest, and its inhabitants are justly proud of the wisdom and patriotism of their ancestors.

On the 27th of June, 1774, the inhabitants forced the re-shipment of a cargo of tea, and of another in September following.

In 1775, notwithstanding the personal popularity of Governor Wentworth prompted the inhabitants to pass a resolution pledging their utmost endeavors to prevent any insult being offered to him, yet they were as prompt to take up

arms in behalf of liberty, as earnest in opposition to royalty, and contributed as freely of their money and blood for the establishment of independence, as the people of any locality in the colonies.

The eminent men of Portsmouth in the eighteenth century were numerous. I shall mention but one here. His speech in the legislature, which was in session at Exeter at the time of the fall of Ticonderoga, when public credit was exhausted, and the patriots nearly discouraged, ought to go down to posterity beside that of the patriotic Henry. Arising from his seat in the house of representatives, of which he was speaker, JOHN LANGDON said,—“I have one thousand dollars in hard money. I will pledge my plate for three thousand more. I have seventy hogsheads of Tobago rum, which will be sold for the most it will bring. They are at the service of the state. If we succeed in defending our firesides and our homes, I may be remunerated: if we do not, then the property will be of no value to me. Our friend Stark, who so nobly maintained the honor of our state at Bunker Hill, may safely be entrusted with the honor of the enterprise, and we will check the progress of Burgoyne.” The result of this, as is well known, was the victory at Bennington, and the subsequent surrender of Burgoyne. John Langdon held many public positions in the state, and was the first presiding officer of the U. S. senate.

Portsmouth adopted a city charter in 1849, and ranks fifth in population of the cities of the state.

[R. 3-140]

Portsm^o: Acco^{ts} 1696

A Generall List and acco^{ts} of Sould^r & Wages; Imprest by Cap^t Redford: and Cap^t Langdon for his Majest^y Service att Dover & Oyst^r River from Aprill to this 13th November 1696

Who Served	Where	What Time			
		m	w	d	
Anth ^o Lowden	Dover	1	2	1	£1-16-10
Miles Thomas	do	1	2	1	1-16-10
John Thomas	do	6	1	0	7-10-00
Jh ^o Putman	do	6	3	2	8-13-08
James Rawlings	do	0	2	2	0-18-08
Luke Wells	do	6	0	4	7-07-04
John Miller	do	1	1	4	1-13-04

Thomas Whidden	Dover	6	1	3	7-12-06
Jn ^o Roe	do	3	3	2	4-11-08
Rich ^d Dore	do	2	0	0	2-08-00
W ^m Rackliff	do	1	0	2	1-05-08
Rich ^d Clay	do	2	0	0	2-08-00
Rich ^d Webber	do	1	0	0	1-04-00
John Bicford	do	1	0	0	1-04-00
Sam ^l Hill	do	2	0	4	2-11-04
Geo: Snell	do	1	1	0	1-10-00
James Norway	do	6	1	3	7-12-06
Sam ^l King	Oy ^r R ^r	1	0	0	1-04-00
Sam ^l Weeks	do	1	0	0	1-04-00
Nath ^l Huggins	do	0	0	8	0-06-10
Jn ^o Johnson	do	2	2	2	3-01-08
Joseph Holmes	do	3	3	3	4-12-06
Sam ^l Snell	do	1	1	0	1-10-00
Laz: Noble	do	0	0	8	0-06-10
Alex ^r Kenistone	do	0	3	0	0-18-00
Jn ^o Bartlett	Dover	2	2	3	3-02-06
Rich ^d Tree	do	6	1	0	7-10-00
Rob ^t Bryant	do	0	3	0	0-18-00
Arnold Brick	do	0	3	0	0-18-00
Nich ^s Walden	do	1	2	0	1-16-00
Rich ^d Sloper	do	0	0	0	0-4-2
Thomas Edgerly	do	6	0	2	7-05-8
Jn ^o Plaisted	do	1	0	0	1-04-00
Peter Fogg	do	1	0	0	1-04-00
Jn ^o Downing	do	1	0	0	1-04-00
W ^m Shackford	do	1	0	0	1-04-00
Rich ^d Davis	do	1	0	0	1-16-00
W ^m Pumerie	do	1	3	2	2-03-08
Jn ^o Clarke	do	5	0	3	6-02-06

£112-00-08

Hugh Banfield do 1 10 0 1-10-00

£113-10-08

Acco^u of Sundryes to whom the Province is Indebted; as appears
to the Committy November 13 1696

To m^r Morse for former Touchelling Gunns and Casting

321^{lb} bulletts for the Sould^r 1-6-0

To Zackrie Trickey for Ferridge 0-12-0

To Damadge for Toogoods Gundeloe: due to him
when Imprest to Carry over Massachusetts } 0-0-0
Sould^r

To the D Sheriff for Warming the assembly and Coun-
cil 8 times &c

2- 0-0

£ 4-13-0

Brought over 112-00-8

£116-13-8

Portsm^o Novemb^r 13th 1696

Approved and Examined by

Kinsley Hall
John Tuttle

Henry Dow
Theodore Attkinson

John Woodman
W^m Redford

of the Comitty

[R. 2-37]

A List of Souldiers Names: and Time they Served att her
Majesties flourt W^m and Mary: at New Castle in the province
of New Hampshire New England 1708.

[The following is a list of the Portsmouth men only;
those from Hampton were published in Vol. XII.—ED.]

Portsm^o men: May 18 to May 31.

Tom: Berry

John Foy

Sam^l Snell

Daniel Condrick.

June 18 to June 28.

Jn^o Cotton

James Moses

Peter Abbott

Jn^o Alexander

Nath^l Gerrish

Nath^l Jackson

Rich^d Davis

June 28 to July 7.

Rodger Thomas

Jn^o Hardison

Rich^d Waldron

Nathaniel Adams

Sam^l Spinney

John Cocks

Jabez Pittman

June 31 to July 14

W^m Philbrook

Jn^o Johnson

Daniel Condrick

Jn^o Ross

June 7 to July 17.

W^m White

Tho: Leatherby

——— Lange

Sam^l Pittman

Shiper Lunt

Gideon Frye

Moses Paul

June 14 to July 28.

Matthew Nelson

Arnold break

Jn^o Hinkson

John Dockham

June 17 to July 28

Sam ^l Thompson	Sam ^l Whaterhouse	Th ^o Beck
Clem ^t Hughes	Jn ^o Phickatt	Jon ^a Whiden
Joseph Miller	Tho Mathus	

June 28 to July 8

Jn ^o Walker	Abraham Jones	Rich ^d Waterhouse
Sam ^l Hill	Edward Toogood	Richard Davis
		James Hobbs

June 29 to July 12

Robert Gose	Sam ^l King	Tho : Starboard
		Sam ^l Davis

July 8 to July 19

John Preston	Richard Martin	Jn ^o Pope
Hugh Candfield	John Savage	Phillip Pike
		Jn ^o Bly

July 12 to July 26

Sam ^l Noel	Sam ^l Hains	Christopher Kenistone
		Jn ^o Fox

July 19 to July 29

Cap ^t Wincoll	Cap ^t Hull	Cap ^t Pickrin
Henry Seward	George Pierce	James Gray
		Jer : Miller

July 26 to Augst 9

Tom : Row	Daniel Davis	Tom : Crocker
Jn ^o Neal	Jn ^o Peverly	Jn ^o Bourn

July 29 to Augst 9

M ^r Henry Sloop	Cap ^t Wybird	Charles Brown
M ^r Mead	M ^r Calfe	

Aug st 9 to Aug st 19	M ^r Booth	M ^r Door
Nath ^l Tuckerman	Watt Abbott	Benj ^a Pudington

Aug st 9 to 23	Tho : Pickrein	Henry Sherburne
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Aug 23 to Sep ^t 6	Jude Allen	George Huntress
Jn ^o Philbrook	Sam ^l Foss	Walter Neal

Augst 19 to Augst 30.

—— Gidens	Jn ^o Mead	Nich ^a Follett
Peter hall	Lazarus Homes	Jer : Libbey
		Ja : Moses

Augst 30 to Sept 10.

Rawland Thomas	Tho : Greely	Richard Toby
Edward Wells	W ^m Cotten	Jn ^o Shackford

Sep ^t 6 to Sept 21	W ^m Furber	Jethro Furber
Sam ^l Wheden	Ja : Leach	Joshua Beek

Sep^t 10 to Sep^t 20

Alexander Miller	W ^m Lewis	Rodger Swain
Cap ^t Tho : Phipps	Jn ^o Woodman	Geo : Marshall

Sep^t 20 to Sep^t 30

Nath ^l Pike	Tim ^o Davis	James Libby
Thom : Row	Alexander Hodsdon	Joseph Moses

Sep^t 30 to Oct^o 12

W ^m Cotten	Sam ^l Clark	Wallace Knight
Oct ^o 5 to Oct ^o 18	Joseph Barry	Tom : Every
Oct ^o 18 to Nov ^r 1	Nath ^l Peverly	Steven berry
		Shadrach Walton Cap ^t

[R. 3-141] [*Warning to the Militia, 1697.*]

Province of To y^e Cap^t and the rest of militia ofisers of
New Hamshr the towne of Portsmoth

Pursuant to a warrant from Liutenant Govern^r John Ushir Esq^r to me directed from Hampton bearing date y^e

[L. s.] 11th of this instant Decemb^r you are hearby required in his majesties Name to muster y^e foot Company und^r youre Command that they apeare on tuesday next being y^e 14th instant Compleately in arms Acording to law at ten of y^e Clock in y^e forenoone in order to Compliance with such orders as L^t Governor John Usher has Receved from white hall bareing date y^e 27th of octob^r last heare of faile not at youre utmost perill as you will answer y^e Contrary

given und^r my hand and seal this 13th of Decemb^r 1697

Thomas Packer Lf^t Collon^l

[9-72] [*Precept for Election of Assemblymen, 1793.*]

William and Mary by y^e Grace of God of England Scotland frfrance and Ireland King and Queene Deffend^r of y^e ffaith To y^e Constable of Great Island In y^e town of portsm^o In ye Province of new Hampsher

Whereas in Persuance of a Presept from his Hon^r y^e Left: Govern^r for y^e Calling of y^e freholders of y^e Abovesaid towne to Gether for y^e macking Choyse of too men for Representatives for s^d town there was Returned maj^r Elias Stileman and m^r

Samⁿ Keeas; but it not Appearing by s^d Returne that they were duly Elected by y^e ffreholders of ye s^d Towne or that ye ffreholders were Duly summoned thereunto; ye sd Returne was and Is AdJudged Illegall and voyd These are therefore In there maj^{ty}s Names to Requier y^e forth wth to Cause ye freeholders of ye Above s^d towne to meeet at Strabry-Bank Meting House one Munday next att Eight of y^e Clock In y^e flore noone to Elect and Chuse too fitt and discreat men of y^e s^d Towne (Being freeholders thereof) wth full and sufcent power for them selves and y^e Community of y^e s^d towne to Be Representatives to seet foarth wth In y^e Genarall Assembly now setting att Great Island and y^e are allso to mack y^r Returne forthwth to me wth y^e Persons Chosen

march 4th 1692/3 in y^e ffifth yeare of there maj^{ty}s Reigne

Richard Joses Sherf^t

New Hamps^r

Portsmouth y^e 6th of March 1692/3

According to y^e within warrant to me directed in obedience thereunto I have Summoned the ffreholders of this town within my precincts Accordingly they did meet at time and place appoynted & then and there they have made Choyce of Maj^r Elias Stileman and M^r Samuel Keise to be Representatives for the said Town—

James Booth Cunstable of great-island

[9-73] *[Return of Assemblymen, 1694.]*

To the shriff:

according to your warrant Richard weber [Wibird] Cunstable warned a town meeting of y^e freeholders of this towne of portsm^o for makeing choice of three descreet men for Representatives: which was done on y^e 29th Instant the persons freely Chosen for that end was m^r georg Jaffrey John pickrin seen^r & John plasteed: the Cunstable being sick desiered mee to take Care of preserving the voats (which I did) & signifie the same to you

dated 29th of october 1694

James Levitt Deb^{ty} Shreift

[9-74] *[Ditto, 1695.]*

province of Newhampshir portsm^o may y^e 14th 1695—m^r Adkison shriff this may sertefy you that by vertue of your warrant to me directed have Called A townmeeting of y^e free holders of

the above sd town for y^e Chuesing of Assemblen: for his maj^{ty} servis: At new castle on y^e fifteenth Instant: sd freeholders met & mad chois of m^r georg Jaffrey: m^r John plas-teed & John pickerin sen^r for these Representatives to serve as above s^d

Per John Chevallir Constable of portsm^o

[9-75] [*Precept for Election of Assemblymen, 1697.*]

Province of Newhamp^r

William by the Grace of God of England Scotland france & Ireland King defender of y^e faith &c^a To the Constable or Constables of Portsm^o

By vertue of a Precept from the Honorable W^m Partridg Esq^r Leut^o Gove^r & comand^r in Cheiff of the Province of new-hamps^r to gather wth the Counsell to me directed these are to require you to give notice to the freeholders of the Towne of Portsm^o that they conveaine together upon fryday the 24th day of this Instent December att twelve of the clock of the same day at the meeting hous at Portsm^o freely & Indifferently to Elect & Chuse three fitt & discreit men of s^d towne (being free holders therof) with full & sifficent power for themselves & the Community of s^d Town to be of a ginerall Assembly for s^d Province to be held at Portsm^o upon the twenty eight of this Instent December by tow of the Clock in the after noone, and the persons soe elected by the majo^r part of the freeholders to be sumoned to attend his maj^{ties} Sarvice at time & place above perfixt and to Returne the names of the persons so chosen together with this precept to me one day at least before the Sitting of the Assembly given under my hand & seale this 17th day of December in the ninth yeare of his Maj^{ties} Raigne Anny Dom: 1697

Richard Joses Sherff

By vertue of the within written order I receivd the votes and person thatt are chosen are Cap^{tn} John Pickerin m^r Sam^{ll} Case & M^r John Playsted, and I have warned them to appeare next tuesday being the 28 instant att Port^{m^o} by 2 a clock

by me Thomas Beck

[9-76] [*Return of Assemblymen, 1698.*]

portsm^o In Newhamshir desember y^e 29th 1698

at A publick town meeting of y^e freeholders of y^e towne Legally Convened there was mad Choice of Samuell penhalloo Samuell keas & John pickerin Sen^r for Representatives to serve

In y^e genrall Assemble held at newcastle on thirsday the fifth day of January & s^d persons warned to attend there at nine of the Clock in y^e fore noon on y^e day affore said by mee

John Johnson Cunst^r

[9-77] [*Relative to Dealers in Strong Drink, 1701.*]

Whereas the multiplicity of Retailers of Drink In the Town of Portsm^o within this Province Is Greatly Detrementall to the Publick,

Principally lying in the hands of Shopkeepers and Tradsmen who noe wayes Advantage the Publick trade and benefit of the Province

Voted That An Act be passed that noe Shopkeeper be permitted to keep A Publicke house nor Retail Any Maner of Strong Drink, And whearas Several Shopkeepers Alredy lyenced by The Qarter Sessions who have laid in Some quantity of Drink that from this Day they Shall be Allowed three months and noe longer the 18 July 1701 to Sell what they have laid in notwithstanding Any law Custom or Usage to the Contrary

by order of the Representatives

Theodore Attkinson Clr :

10th July 1701 read at the Councill Board & past The Councill

Cha. Story Secretary

[9-78] [*Relative to Parochial Matters, 1714.*]

The Petition of Sam^{ll} Hart, Ephr^a Dennett, & Geo : Jeffrey, Selectmen ; of Portsm^o Humbley Sheweth

that whereas @ a sessions of the Gen^{ll} Assembly of this Province held May 1714 : It was thought Resonable Considering y^e grat Increase of Inhabitants in the Town or Parish of Portsm^o that there should be two Ministers, to Sarve, in y^e Town ; one @ y^e Newmeeting House, y^e other at y^e old, & accordingly was ordered y^t two hundred pounds, should be Rais'd by the whole Parish, in order to Support y^e two Minis^{ts} & to be Divided Equally between them ; upon Condition y^t the Minister @ y^e Old Meeting-House be Chosen by the ffreeholders of y^e Parish in a Legal Town Meeting ; and whereas it was also ordered that y^e New Meeting House Should be finish^d & the old Re-paired, and a Parsonage House provided for the Minister on the South Side of y^e Milldam @ y^e Charge of y^e Town or Parish ; w^{ch} order those of y^e South Side of the Milldam have Refused to Comply with : we your Petitioners humbly pray that

these mentioned acts or orders may be Repealed & become null & Void, as being grevius to y^e far greater part of ye Inhabitants of this Town; or Parish: we also humbly pray that y^e Complaint exhibited to His Excellency y^e Gov^r Agst y^e selectmen for y^e overplus of y^e Province Tak in y^e year 1712 & 1713 be dismissed, for y^t y^e acco^{ts} for Each year were produced @ y^e Last Generall Town meeting, where it was unanimously Voted that they were well satisfied; wth every article in S^d acco^{ts} and yo^r Petitioners

and Subscribe Yo^r Excellency's and Honours
Most Humble and Obed^t Serv^{ts}

Geo: Jaffrey
Sam^l Hart
Ephraim Dennet

Read in Councill

[9-80]

13 May 1710

Voted

That An Act be pased for A free Scool In the Town of Portsmouth to be paid by A Tax on the same town by order of the House of Representatives

The: Atkinson Cler: pro tem

[9-83] [*Complaint relative to Taxes, etc., 1716.*]

portsm^o In New hampshir

to y^e honrabbell y^e Lef^t govener Councill & genrall Assembly:

the humbell petteshon of sundry of his maj^{ts} good subjects Inhabatants in portsm^o in behalff of themselves & sundry greved Inhabatants &c^a

most humbly sheweth that wheare as there has bin within fouer or five years past great taxes & Rates made & Collected in this towne under culler of province & towne Charges wee beleve above too thousand pounds mony & as wee are humbly of openyan wrongfully desposed of to Say great part thereof & y^e Inhabatants many of them Impresoned their Estats taken away by force for payment therof nether having Any account for what or how desposed of that all accounts of y^e s^d Rates & taxes mad by s^d selectmen & assesed yearley as they Say allowed by y^e Comishoners Chosen by unfaire methods soe that what one projects or saith y^e other Confirms & y^e Inhabatants kept In Ignorance how their monys are desposed of which is A great grevance & Intollerabell burden to his maj^{ty} Loyall subjects Contray to y^e usedge In Englad & y^e prevelidg of Englesh men all y^e s^d selectmen Assessors & comeshoners chosen by

oposet partys & consequently by unfair methods so that what sum of s^d partys does y^e Rest of s^d partys confers & y^e Inhabatants kept Ignorant & know not how their monys are desposed off which is a great Agrevance and untorabell burden to his maj^{ty} Loyall subjects contray to y^e usidge of England & y^e berth right prevelidge of englesmen wee therefore humbly pray that y^e severell Select men for y^e severall years as afore said & for y^e time being be ordered that A yearly fair account of the taxes [illegible]: how much taxed how payed to whom & for what in the town buck in y^e Clarks hands that he enter y^e same so that evry Inhabatant may If he pleas or sees Caus take Copys thereof which will be great Justis & faver to y^e greved party: so prays youer honers most humbell subscribers in behalff of themselves & y^e agreved partys

dated aprill y^e 5th 1716

John pickerin
James Levitt
Geo: walker
W^m Cotton
John Abbott
W^m Cotton 3
Solomon Cotton

[R. 3-142] [*Peter Greeley, relative to his Servant, 1721.*]

To the Hon^{ble} Jn^o Wentworth Esq^r L^t Gov^r and Command^r in Chief in & over His Maj^{ties} Prov^e of New Hamp^r and the Hon^{ble} the Council & Representatives now setting in General Assembly

The Humble Petition of Peter Greely of Portsm^o in the Prov: of New Hamps^r afores^d—Cordwainer—Most Humbly Sheweth—

That yo^r Petitioner about Eight months Since Bought an Irish man Servant named Gilbert Ashe, for whom I gave Thirteen pounds, and have been at Some Charge to Cloath him, he was Some time Since Imprest, but upon my aplication to Cap^t Sam^l Hart, I gott him Released Since which he hath been to the afores^d Cap^t Hart and Inlisted himself a Volunteer to go as a Soldier to the Eastward, which will be much to my Prejudice if not Releeve'd by yo^r Hon^{rs}, and Incouragement to others to do the Like w^{ch} will have an Evill Tendency—Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prays that yo^r Hon^{rs} will be pleased to take the matter into Consideration, and order the afores^d Servant to be Dismist and yo^r Petitioner as in Duty Bound shall Ever pray

Portm^o oct 5th 1721

Peter Grele

In y^e House of Representatives Read and y^e Prayer of y^e Petition is Granted

Dan^l Greenough Clerk Ass :

[9-61] [*Act relative to Salaries of Ministers, 1720.*]

An Act for the Settlement of the Parishes of the Town of Portsmouth.

Loc
Pro : Sig

Be it Enacted by His Honour the Lieu^t Governour Council and House of Represen^t, that the Salaries for the Several Ministers of each Parish in Portsmouth for defraying the charges thereof, be annually raised according to vote of the General Assembly of the eighth of October 1717, and as is therein provided—

(viz^t)

That the Salarie for the Reverend Mr. Rogers be rais'd by an Annual tax upon all the Inhabitants of the Town in Equal proportion, except Greenland and Newington, Except also Such as Shall be the hearers and Subscribers to Mr. Emerson, who are hereby obliged to give in their names to the Select men of the Town, at or before the twentieth of November next, and that three Persons be chosen annually being freeholders belonging to the Bank, by that part of the Town, to lay Said tax on the Inhabitants that belong to the new Meeting House, and that three Persons be also chosen on the South Side of the Mill Dam annually, by and Amongst themselves, to tax the Subscribers to Mr Emerson, and Such taxes laid & Signed by Each of the three Persons that Shall be Chosen, or the Major part of them, together with a Justice of Peace, Shall be Committed to the Constable of Each part of the Town, who are hereby directed & empower'd to Collect the Same; and pay it in According to their warrant, to the Said three men for the Support of the Ministry, and in case of failure to be dealt with as the law directs for not collecting other Town rates, and also that the present Assembly Shall chuse three men for the Bank, and three men for the South Side of the Mill Dam to lay the Tax for the first year, [torn] will and the twenty fifth of March next, and all Persons concern'd are hereby obliged to pay his or there several tax to the Constable appointed to collect the same, on the penalty as in case of non-paying other rates as provided, and that all Persons who shall hereafter Settle in the Town, Shall within one Month after their Settlement give in their names to the Select men for the time being, to which part of the Town they will joyn themselves.

And for the Continuance of Peace in S^d Town, Be it further Enacted, That it Shall not be in the power of the Town of Portsmouth at any Town meeting to make any Vote or order to the Contrary of the Vote aforesaid, and that all affairs relating to Either Parish or Meeting House Shall be transacted and order'd by Each Parish at their Parish Meetings respectively, any Law Usage or custom to the Contrary notwithstanding

May 27th 1720

Read three times in the House and Pass'd in the House—
Josh Peirce Speak^r

Read three times and Pass'd at the Board
Richard Waldron Cler : Cou

I Assent to the Enacting this Bill

J. Wentworth

True Copy

Per Rich^d Waldron Sec^{ry}

[9-60] [*Relative to Parochial Matters, 1723.*]

An Act in addition to the Act, Entituled an Act for the Settlement of the Parishes of the Town of Portsm^o

Loc :
Pro : Sig

Whereas an Act was made and pass'd by the General Court or Assembly on the twenty seventh day of May 1720

Entitled,

An Act for the Settlement of the Parishes of the Town of Portsmouth—

Wherein among other things it was enacted that the Salaries for the several Ministers of each Parish in Portsmouth, for defraying the charge thereof, should be annually raised according to vote of the General Assembly of the eighth of October 1717, (viz^t.)

That the Salary for the Reverend Mr Rogers, be raised by an Annual tax upon the Inhabitants of the Town in equal proportion, except Greenland & Newington, except also all Such as shall be hearers and Subscribers to Mr Emerson, who are hereby obliged to give in their names to the Select men of the town, at or before the twentieth of November next; and that three Persons be chosen annually being freeholders, belonging to the Bank, by that part of the Town, to lay Said tax on the Inhabitants that belong to the New Meeting House &c.—But

since the demise of the aforesaid Mr Rogers, (there being no mention made of his Successor or Successors in the office of the Ministry in the aforesaid Act) that part of the Town have no power, by virtue of the aforesaid Act to lay any tax upon the Inhabitants as heretofore, for the Support of a Gospel Minister or Ministers.—

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Lieu^t Governour, Council and representatives, conven'd in General Assembly, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the Inhabitants of that part of the Town commonly call'd the Bank, be hereby empower'd to chuse three Persons, conformable to the aforesaid Act, to Levy a tax on the Inhabitants belonging to the New Meeting House for the Support of their Minister or Ministers from time to time and that the same be levyed as is Express'd in the aforesaid Act—And that the Inhabitants of that part of the Town commonly call'd the Mill Dam Parish (upon the death or demise of the Reverend Mr Emerson) be also alike empower'd to do the same any law Usage or custom to the Contrary notwithstanding.—

[The foregoing act was passed Dec. 13, 1723.—ED.]

[9-84] [*Vote of First Parish, 1728.*]

Portsm^o In N-Hampsh^r

Att a Publick meeting of y^e first Parish In Portsm^o afores^d
Duly Notify^d 4th of March 1727 /8

Vot^d y^t all y^e Poles & Estates on y^e Westerly & S-Westerly Side of y^e Road from Newington to Islington & from thence to y^e Easterly Corner of y^e Land y^t Joshua Bruster Bought of Coll: Westbrook & from thence along by Cap^t Banfills till it Comes to Coll: Westbrooks Land on y^e South Easterly side said Road & from thence Down Sagamores Creek so as to Leave all Coll: Westbrooks Land on y^e Westerly or S-Westerly side of s^d line be hereby Absolutely freed & Exonerat^d from any tax or Charge towards y^e Support of y^e Gospell Ministry or any Parish Charge at y^e Bank for y^e future Provid^d they have frequent Preaching more for Accommodation then at y^e Bank y^e Parish Reserveing y^e Gleebe at y^e Meadow to y^e Parish use as heretofore—this Vote is not to be Construd^d to Extend to set of any on y^e Westerly Side of y^e Line afores^d but such as have or Shal Desire it—

Henry Sherburn Mod^r

the above is a true Copy from y^e 3^d Book of Records for Portsm^o foll: 66: Exam^d this 20th of feb^r 1732/3—

Per Josh: Peirce Town Cle^r

[9-87] [*Relative to a Bridge over the Mill-Dam, 1732.*]

Prov^e of New Hamp^r

At a General Town Meeting held in Portsm^o at the new meeting House march 25th 1732

Vot^d That Thomas Pickering be Paid five pounds per annum for and Dureing his Natural Life out of the Town Stock and his Town & Province Rates abated Dureing Said Term Provided & upon Condition that the Said Tho^s Pickering make keep & maintain a Suffeient Bridge over the mill Dam well Railed in Dureing his Life & that an agrement be made Signed & Sealed by & between the Select men and the Said Pickering & that Fifteen Pounds be Raised by the Town & paid Said Pickering this Present year for and in full for the first Three Years & to be paid no more till the Year 1735—

New Book page 79

Tho^s Phipps. moderator

A True Copy

att: H Wentworth, Town Cle^r

[9-88] [*South Parish Petition: addressed to the General Court, 1737.*]

The Petition of the South Parish in the Town of Portsmouth in the Province aforesaid Humbly Sheweth

That when the meeting House at the North End of the Town was first Erected, a Number of Persons among us, (tho' they had been taxed to the Charge of building that House,) thinking it might be for the Interest of Religion, for the Good of themselves, & of their Posterity, for the Public worship of God to be continued In the Same place, where it had been formerly carried on, determind to be at the Expençe Necessary for that End.

That in this affair we met with much difficulty, and among other things which conspired to Enhance the Charge, a Law was Enacted, which is Still in force, (tho' not Printed & So unknown to most People,) by Virtue whereof all Strangers that come to Settle in the Town, & Young men, as they Arrive at full Age, that do not within the Space of three months, present themselves to the Select-men of the Town & make a Declaration that they Will join with this Parish, are Deem'd as belonging to the other, & oblig'd to pay to the Support of the Ministry there; whereby this Parish has been Prejudiced & the growth thereof very much Retarded.—

That when our Old meeting house was So far decayed as to be past Repair, & we thereby necessitated to build another, tho' we had no return from our neighbours of the assistance we had formerly afforded them, yet (with difficulty) we Accomplished the Same, and Sundry Persons that could not be So well accommodated with Seats for themselves & Families in the North meeting house, as with us, being Dispos'd to join us, are notwithstanding obliged to pay to the other Parish Charges tho' they attend the Public worship with us.

That the afores^d Law is So calculated as lays an unequal burden on this Parish, & has an Immediate tendency to Oppress them, & Create disturbances and Law Suits between the People of the Town—

Your Petitioners therefore Humbly Pray this Hon^{ble} Court, to take the Premisses under your Consideration to repeal the afores^d Law, & give Liberty to the People to attend the Public worship at either of the Said Meeting Houses as they Shall See fit, & to pay where they do So attend, or pass Some other Act which Shall Set the Parishes on an Equal foot, or Provide Such other Remedy as you in Your Great Wisdom & Goodness Shall think proper—

And your Petition^{rs} as in Duty bound Shall ever pray &c—

John Sherburne	John Peirce	Sam ^l Sherburne
Samull Tapley	Thomas Hart	Daniel Moulton
John Hooper	Jn ^o Frost	Mark Hunking
Elias Tarlton	J Harrison	D Peirce
Stephen Lang	W ^m Hooker	Josh ^a Peirce Jun ^r
James Sherburn	Richad Evans	Nath ^l Peirce
John ^{his} X Lang	Henry Beck	James Clarkson
John ^{mark} Cotton	Thomas Cotton	Evans Drun
David Cate	Joshua Cate	William Partridge
Joseph Lang	Nath ^l Lang Junr	Edmon Weaber
Peter Shore	John Jones	John feackit
Samuel Lang	James Jones	John Bickfoord
Jeremiah Larey	William White	Jethro furbur
Jeffery Jackson	Richard Shortridg	thomas Pickrin
Caleb Beck	Nathaniel Lang	David Horney
Jona Partridge	John Jackson	Timothy Davis
John Brown	John Will	Tho Beck
Robart Lang	Peter Mathes	Damans Jose
Johems Barnes	Samuel mills	Benjamen lewes
John Deverson	Samuel Beck	John mills
John preston	John Savage	Ichabod Clark
James abbott	I Rindge	John Noble
Zach Leach	Mark Langdon	Benj ⁿ Dockem
	Matthew Livermore	John Bush

Jeremiah Homes	Jethro ffurbur	George huntless
Thomas Lang	Bem ^m Levsey	Stephen Noble
Samuel Lang	W ^m Cotton	Henry Bickford
Daniel Jackson jun ^r	Geo : walker	Sam ^L Lear
George Marshall	Sam ^l Banfiel	Thomas Bickford
Obadiah Marshall	Thomas Wright	Jonathan Low
Sam ^l marshall	George Walton	
Sam ^l waters	Step ⁿ Greenleaf	

[The matter was several times before the legislature, and in the H. of Rep., August 18, 1737, "Voted that the parties be heard on the Petition as soon as possible." The senate concurred.—ED.]

[9-65] [*Answer of Committee of the First Parish, 1737.*]

A Petition being preferred at the last Sessions of generall assembly, by Sundry Persons of the Town of Portsmouth in the Province aforesaid, desiring y^e repeal of a certain Law, heretofore made for settling y^e Parishes in said Town &c and an order being made upon hearing y^e Said Petition, on y^e 30th of March last past, greatly to the detriment of y^e first Parish in s^d Town; and where as the S^d Petition contains Sundry things, which we take to be gross Misrepresentations, not only of the S^d first Parish, but of y^e Conduct of y^e Government at the Time when y^e Law complained of was made. We therefore humbly beg leave to answer the S^d Petition in its Severall particulars.—In the first and third Paragraphs of the Petition, it is Suggested that the S^d first Parish was guilty of great Injustice, in taxing them to the building the North-Meeting-House in the Town afores^d & not repaying them when they built theirs: in answer to which we say, that, at y^e Time when the North-Meeting-House was built, there was no Distinction of Parishes in the Town, as there is now; That it was built by Vote of y^e Majority of the Town, present, & voting at a meeting called for that purpose; and that being the only Rule in such Cases, it was no ways unjust for them to be taxed towards building the S^d North-Meeting-House, any more than towards building a School House, or any other Town-Charge; and inasmuch as the House was large enough for the whole Town at that Time; if they, for their own Conveniency or any other Reason, had a mind to build one, or ten Houses for publick Worship, it was but reasonable that they Should do it at their own Expence: But However just it might be, yet the first Parish did not insist upon their Right, but, having taxed them, (as we Suppose) with Expectation that they would attend y^e publick worship at the then New-Meeting-House; when they found that that was not

agreed to them, the S^d first Parish left them more in value than they had taxed them, towards building the North-Meeting-House. The Rates of y^e South part of the Town for y^e years 1709 1710. & 1711 were at a Medium £81.00 per an. nearest Those of y^e North Part £213.0,0 In the year 1712 when the first Rate for building the North-Meeting-House was made, the Rate of the North Part of the Town was £511.6.0, that of y^e South Part was £157.6.0. In the year 1713 The Rate of y^e North Part was £547. 18. 0. That of the South Part £87.2.0 And in the Year 1714, the whole Town-Rate was not £200. So that they paid only one Rate towards building the North-Meeting-House, viz in the year 1712, & that was but £76. 6. 0. more than they had paid at a medium for three years before. In Return for this, the first Parish left them, the Old-Meeting-House, which Served for a place of publick worship about Twenty years, & was then sold for about £60—and the Bell which we Suppose could not be bought under £15—0.0 Sterling. Besides this there are Severall pews in the North-Meeting-House, now held in the right of those, that paid part of the S^d £76. 6. 0, So that the Priviledges held in the North Meeting House by Some of them, & what the first Parish left them, was certainly much more in Value than what they recieved by the Tax afore mentioned.—As to the Law complained of, the first Article is, that it is not printed, & so unknown to most of them. As to its not being printed, we Suppose it to be y^e Case of many of the Laws of this Province, & indeed of most private Laws; But as to its being unknown (if really so) it must be Supposed to be the fault of those, who from Time to Time have had the Care of their Parish Affairs; a Copy being at any Time demandable of the Secretary, by which they might as easily have informed all Persons concerned therewith as if it had been printed. As to the Law it self, we take it to be in the room of a Dividing line, (which without manifest injustice was at that Time impracticable) but with this advantageous difference, that it left every man to his Liberty, which dividing Lines between Parishes do not always do. As to the Time given for any Person to Signify his intention to belong to y^e South Parish, viz three months, we Suppose it to be, because any Person that has been So long an Inhabitant is then rateable, & if so, it must be esteemed the most Suitable Time. As to that part of the Law, that deems all to belong to the first Parish, unless they expressly declare their intention, within the Time limited, to belong to the other, we Suppose it to be according to the constant Rule in Such Cases. Those who do not expressly dissent, are reckoned with the Majority. To this it may be added that the form of the Law was Such as was agreed, to the Principal, if not to all of that Parish, that had the Care of that Affair in the Time

when the Law was made. In the third Paragraph of the Petition, it is represented as a hardship occasioned by the aforesaid Law, that Sundry Persons who could be better accommodated with Seats, for them Selves & family, with them, Since they have built their New-Meeting-House, than with y^e first Parish, are yet obliged to pay to the S^d first Parish: In answer to which we acknowledge, that, their New-Meeting-House being built much nearer, the North-meeting-House, than their former House was, without Doubt many may be better accommodated there than in the North-Meeting-House, that being always Supposed to be a great part of their Design in building it in the place where it now Stands: But we humbly presume it will by no means follow, that because a man can be better accommodated in another Parish than in his own, he Shall therefore be excused from paying to that he first belonged to, unless they are willing to release him: For if this Should be laid down for a rule, what would become of y^e Contract between a minister & his People? If one man for the Conveniency of a Seat, may withdraw, they all might, for that or any other reason, & it may be Supposed that there are many much more weighty than the conveniency of a Seat. The First Parish is now under Contract, & as to all concerned in the making that Contract, without Doubt they are obliged to fulfill it, & as to those that have come into the Parish Since, we Suppose that by their so doing, they become Partners to the Said Contract, & have no just Pretence to be excused from paying their Proportion to it, unless they can induce the Parish to Consent Thereto: However, we make no Doubt, but that the First Parish would, upon proper application made to them, have released all those that had Pews in y^e Second Parish House, & none in the First; as they have Severall already upon their requesting it, alltho' the Second Parish Still tax Some, who constantly attend at the First Parish-House. And here it may not be improper to mention, that the first Parish are so far from being disposed to oppress the other, (were it in their power) that they are always ready to do them any act of kindness, that can be reasonably desired; one Instance whereof they have lately given, in voting their right in a Piece of land in the Town, to the minister of that Parish during his continuance in the ministry with them. Towards the Close of y^e Petition the Law is represented as laying an unequall Burthen & as to which we Say, that it is unequall, only in that Sense wherein the Majority in any community ought always to have the preference, that it has no tendency to oppress any, nor to create Disturbances & Lawsuits between the People of the Town, (as is Suggested) unless they will Suppose some Persons to be so unreasonable, as to quarrel with others for their own Carelessness, or because they have changed their

minds. The last Paragraph of y^e Petition contains an intimation that Some Persons in the S^d Town of Portsmouth, are denied the Liberty of attending the Publick worship where they See fit, & of Supporting a minister to carry it on, the contrary, to which is So notorious, that we cant but Suppose it, to be Some mistake in writing the Petition; We humbly therefore pray, that the order aforementioned may be repealed, & the Petition dismissed; & in as much as we have been put to considerable charge by the Petitioners, we farther pray for liberty to bring in a Bill of Cost against them, as we understand is usuall elsewhere in the like Cases

Tho Peirce	} Com ^{tee} of y ^e
John Pray	
Nath ^l Rogers	
	First Parish in
	Portm ^o

[In H. of Rep., July 20, 1737, a hearing was ordered for the next session.—ED.]

[9-66] [*Statement relative to Parish Matters, 1737.*]

Gentlemen

The General Assembly of this Province at their late Sessions at Hamptown upon hearing a Petition of the South Parish in Portsmouth Ordered that the said Petition lay for farther Consideration Until the Third Day of the Next Sessions & in the Mean time that those persons who have been Claimed by both Parishes and were rated at both the last year Shall not be rated by the Wardens of Either of the Parishes this Year but by the Select men &c And in the Mean time recommended the Whole Affair to be Ended by an Agreement of Said parties

Whereupon we the Church Warden's of the South Parish Afores^d for and in behalfe of the same do Assure You y^t Nothing Shall be wanting on Our part to Comply with so reasonable a Motion.

We cannot but think Considering we were originally of the Same Society And never sought A Separation but would gladly have avoided it, as far as we judged it consistant with the Spiritual Interests of us & our Children And Seeing we are at present Intermixed one Among Another as to the places of our Abode that in reason & from that temper which Christians are directed to Express one towards Another We might Expect A Share in the Benifits of the Glebe. But not to insist on this at present Any otherwise then as Your having all Along Enjoyed this and a great many other Advantages we think Should induce You to grant us our Small And reasonable Demands

And when we Petitioned that we might be Set upon an Equal foot with your Parish which we Understand has been censured by Some as a piece of unpardonable Ambition. we had no such Aspireing thought as immediately to bring ourselves to consist of Equal numbers of the persons of the same Superior quality. But all that we meant was that we might be upon an Equal foot, as to Any Countenance or Law of the Government—And we know of no Just Claim, that one Parish Can have on this Account of Any preheminance or Advantage over Another And as for the Law that is Subsisting that Declares that all Young Men that are of age & all Strangers that do not give in there Names wⁱⁿ Six Weeks to which of the Parishes they will belong. Shall be reckoned as belonging to Yours A great many by Vertue of this Law have been without there knowledge included Among You so far as to be obliged to pay to the Support of the Publick Worship, with You tho they have Generally attended with us Now what we propose is

1st That the persons before mentioned And all others who Constantly Attend upon the Publick worship with us that at present are rated with You be released & have the liberty of being Taxed to us. We at the same time being ready to Quit all Such persons as pay here who Constantly Attend the Publick worship with You—

2^{dly} That all Such as have been at Considerable Charge to Accomodate themselves with Seats in our Meeting House that have no interest in Any Pew or Pews in Yours May have the liberty of paying only to us conceiving that there being Obligated to pay to Each Can have no other tendency in time but to Drive them from us both.—

3^{dly} That all Young men in town that are lately Arrived to the Age of 21 Years & all Such as Shall hereafter be of full Age & become Rateable by Law with all Strangers that are now in Town or Shall hereafter Come to town & become rateable by Law That have not as yet paid rates to Either of the Parishes as they have the liberty of Choosing in which they will Attend upon the Publick worship So they may have the liberty of paying wheresoever they See meet to Attend.—

These things we imagine will Conduce to our Mutual Harmony which we are very Desireous to promote, And think it our Common interest to do it. We are Sure that the granting of them will be but A doing to others as You would in alike Case that others Should do to You And in the Exercise of a Christian Spirit cannot be refused, But if they are denied us by the Parish And the Government does not See meet to give us Redress we must wait with patience not doubting but that Providence which ordinary returns upon Men the Severitys

they Exercise upon Others will in time give us an Opportunity of Relief—

Portsmouth Octo^r 3^d 1737

Gentlemen Yours at all Respective Obed^{ts}

To the Church Wardens of the North Parish
In Portsmouth

[9-68]

[*First Parish Rates, 1737.*]

A List of Sundry persons to be Rated by the Select Men for this Present Year 1737 according to an order made by the General Court at Their Session at hampton

	£	S	D
Cap ^t mark Hunking	1—	4—	
mark Langdon	2—	0—	
Francis Gammon	0—	12—	0—
John Griffeth	1—	2—	0—
John Peirce	0—	12—	0—
Samuel Waters	1—	0—	
Cap ^t John Cate	1—	0—	
Cap ^t Phillip Reed	1—	5—	
Josiah moses	1—	15—	
Henry Terrel	0—	8—	
matthew Livermore	1—	10—	
Cap ^t Sam ^l Cutt	1—	0—	
Ebenezer Odiorne	0—	12—	
Daniel Peirce	0—	15—	
John Willy	0—	7—	
Sam ^l Lang Tailor	0—	7—	
Peter Cow	0—	9—	
John Ficket	0—	7—	

The above is a true Copy from the List of Rates for The first Parrish in Portsmouth in the year 1736—

Portsm^o Novemb^r 23^d 1737

Tho^s Peirce }
John Pray } Wardens
Nath^l Rogers }

A Copy Examined per

Sam^l Hart }
W^m Parker }
Joseph Langdon }

[9-69]

[*List of Rates, 1737.*]

To the General Select Men of the Town of Portsmouth

A List of names to be Rated by the Select men of the Town of Portsmouth agreeable to an order of the General Court at their Sessions at Hampton Falls in August 1737—

	£	S	D
Cap ^t Mark Hunking	1—	15—	0
Mark Langdon & Sam ^l Waters	2—	0—	0
Francis Gammon	0—	15—	
John Griffeth	0—	17—	6
George Marshall & Brothers	1—	15—	
John Peirce	1—	15—	
Cap ^t John Cate	1—	15—	
Henry Terril	0—	15—	
matthew Livermore Esq ^r	1—	0—	
Cap ^t Ebenezer Odiorne	0—	12—	
Daniel Peirce	1—	0—	
Peter Cow	0—	12—	
Josiah Moses	1—	0—	
John Willey	0—	10—	

The above List with the Sums Annexed to their names Is a true Copy taken from the Book of the South Parish in Portsmouth According as they were Rated in the year 1736

Novemb^r 22^d 1737—

Geo : Walker	} Church Wardens
I Rindge	
James Clarkson	

A true Copy Examined per

Sam ^{ll} Hart	} Selectmen
W ^m Parker	
Joseph Langdon	

[9-89] [*Action of the Legislature on the foregoing, 1738.*]

In the House of Representatives—

The Petitioners in the Annex'd Petition : and the delegates of the North Parish of Portsmouth was heard by their Council,

The House having considered thereof, voted,

That all the Inhabitants belonging to both Parrishes that hath been rated to their respective Parrishes shall continue to pay as usual, Except those which have been rated to both, all those to have one month (if in Town) or after coming into to Town, to

give in their names to the Church Wardens of both Parrishes declaring to which parrish they will belong, and then all persons now Inhabiting in the Town to pay for their Poles & Estates to where they belong (Except those that have Pews or Seats in both Meeting-Houses they to pay to Each Parrish according to their interest in Each)

And for young men, or Servants that shall hereafter Settle upon the Estates of their fathers & masters shall pay their rates to the same parish that the person did on whose Estate they dwelt, And for such young men that come of Age that do not settle on the Estates of their fathers or masters, as aforesaid, and all Strangers that may Come into Town shall have the libberty of three months to Enter their names with the Church Wardens of both parishes with a declaration to which parrish they will pay their rates to and they when so Entred shall continue there, and if any person coming of age, or into the Town as aforesaid shall neglect to enter their Names in the Manner before directed, then they shall be liable to pay to each parrish 'till such time as they do enter their names and this to be a final Settlement any Law usage or Custome to the contrary notwithstanding, and that the Petitioners have liberty to bring in a Bill accordingly, and the money lodged in the hands of the Selectmen, of the Town of Portsmouth, collected by order of Govern^t from the Persons rated, by both Parrishes be paid, one halfe to the Church Wardens of the North parish, the other halfe to the Church Wardens of the South parish, for the use of the Parrishes.

9^r 15th 1738

James Jeffry Cle^r Ass^m

[9-90] [*Petition of sundry Inhabitants for the Grant of a Township: addressed to Gov. Belcher and Council.*]

The Petition of Sundry of his Majestys subjects, mostly Inhabitants in the Province of New Hampshire humbly sheweth

That if there were more Inhabitants on the Frontiers of the Province and more land cultivated and Improved the Province would be better able to defend it self, if there should be a war with the Indians, the public Taxes would be easier and Provisions more plenty and cheaper—

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray your Excellency and the Honorable the Council to make a Grant in fee of that tract of Land lying within the Province of New Hampshire comprehended and contained with in the following Bounds, viz^t begining at the south easterly Corner of Barnstead and from thence to run upon the same Course as Barnstead easterly side line runs to Winnipisseoke Pond from thence upon a Right

Angle till it comes to the Boundary Line between the Province of New Hampshire and that which was formerly called the Province of Main, from thence as the said Boundary Line runneth to the Northeasterly Corner of the Town of Rochester from thence on a Streight Line to the bounds first mentioned with such conditions as to your Excellency and Honours shall seem meet unto your Petitioners and their Associates in all to make the Number of Sixty including your petitioners and your petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c &c &c

William Parker	George Rogers	John Wood
Benj ^a Walton	Tho ^s Newmarch	Matthew Livermore
Thomas Wright	John Kennard	W ^m Frost N Castle
Nath ^l Rogers	Henry Sherbon Jun ^r	Benj ^a miller
Tho Peirce	of the Plains	Danel Moulton
Joseph moulton	John Dennet the Son	Benj ^a Gambling
John Ayers	of Eph ^m Dennet	John Pray
John Cutt	Esq ^r	Sol ^a Pike
Solomon Cotton	Moses Dennet	Sam ^l Hart
Dan ^l Jackson jun ^r	Joseph Langdon .	Mech ^a Whidden
Sam ^l Sherburne Jun ^r	Sam ^l white	John Fellows
Hen Sherburne Jun ^r	George Pierce	Thom ^s Westbrook
William King	Joseph Jackson	Dannell Rogers
John Sherburn of	Moses Noble	Samuell Sherburne
litell harbor	Joseph Whipple	Inholder
Joseph Sherburn son	John Ross	Elliot Vaughan
of Joseph Sher-	Cha : Frost of N	Peter Greley
burn Eqr	Castle	Ichabod Plaisted
Nath ^l Mendum	John Shackford ju ^r	Eleazer Russell

[9-92] [*Relative to some French Prisoners, 1745.*]

The petetion of Fran^s Tucker of Portsmouth in the Province of New Hamp^e Prison keeper Most Humbly Sueth that on the 31st of August their was Committed to his Care by the High Sheriff of said Province by his Excellencys order fourteen French Prisoners and that two of them lay Sick Twelve Days which Required Considerable Trouble and no Supply has been made therefore your petitioner prays your Excellency and Honours would take the Case of your petitioner under Consideration and make him such Allowance as may be judged reasonable and your petetioner as in Duty bound Shall ever pray &c

Fran^s Tucker Pris^a Kep^r

[R. 3-143] [*Benjamin Thomas, Louisbourg Soldier: addressed to the General Assembly, Nov. 20, 1745.*]

The Petition & Memorial of Benjamin Thomas of Portsmouth in said Province most humbly Shews—That your Petitioner was one of the Volunteers in the pay of this Province at the Reduction of Louisbourg—that your Petitioner at the attacking of St Peters some time in the month of April last past received a wound in his left arm by a small shot whereby he hath not only suffered great pain lost his time and been at much expence but also has lost the use of that arm and hath grounds and reasons to think he cannot recover the use thereof. * * *

Benj^a Thomas

[He asked for an allowance, which was granted.—ED.]

[R. 3-145] [*Petition of the Wife of Col. Moore: addressed to the General Assembly, 1745.*]

The Petition of Mary Moore the wife of & attorney to Samuel Moore of Portsmouth in said Province Esq^r and who now is at Louisbourg in the service of his King and Country—Most humbly Shews—That the said Sam^l Moore hath advanced considerable sums for the Benefit and advantage of the Soldiers at Louisbourg under his Command.

* * * * *

Sep^r 27th 1745

Mary Moore

[She further stated that her husband had drawn on her for £1,100, old tenor, which she wanted the province to help pay.—ED.]

[R. 3-146] [*Dr. Joseph Peirce, Louisbourg: addressed to the General Court, May, 1746.*]

The Memorial of Joseph Peirce of Portsm^o in the Province afores^d Esq; Humbly Sheweth—

That on y^e 16th of March 1744 the Hon^{ble} Committee appointed in this Province to Manage the affairs of y^e Expedition lately form'd against Cape Briton under the Conduct of Lieut General Pepperell, Did Influence & agree with yo^r Memorialist to go on s^d Expedition to take the care of such of the Soldiers in the pay of the Province of N. Hamp^r as might be Sick or

wounded, And did promise to pay yo^r Memorialist the Sum of twenty pounds per month for s^d service, and to accept and pay such draughts as he should make for the Necessary Supply of y^e Medicine Chest for the use of y^e afores^d Sick & wounded.

* * * * *

Jos^h Peirce

[He further stated that he was in the service eleven months and twenty days, arriving home Feb. 6, 1745; that his account for service and medicines amounted to £245, 5, 4, of which £80 had been paid to him by the committee.

In H. of Rep., July 31, 1746, "Voted That y^e Ballance this account of Doc^r Joseph Peirce Esq^r amounting to £165, 5, 4, be allowed & paid out of y^e money in y^e Treasury for y^e use of y^e Expedition against Louisbourg, that it be in full for his services as Chirurgion-general to y^e New Hampshire Regiment including y^e 150 men in Pay of y^e Prov^e of y^e Massachusetts Bay & that y^e Treasurer charge y^e Massachusetts with their proportion of this & y^e other Doctor's Bills." Council concurred.—ED.]

[R. 3-148]

[*Louisbourg Soldiers.*]

[In a petition dated Portsmouth, Aug. 11, 1746, Israel Hodgdon stated that he was "a Soldier in the Company of which William Cleaward was Captain in the New Hampshire Regiment at Louisbourg," that he was sick and wanted an allowance, which was granted to the extent of £2, 10, 0.—ED.]

[R. 3-149] ["Spencer Colby of Portsmouth," in a petition dated May 12, 1747, stated that he "was Shipt a Mariner on Board the Sloop Abigail under the Command of Capt John Furnald in the Late Expedition against Louisbourg & performed the duty of a Mariner the whole time of the Siege & afterward Saving only when he was Sent on Shoar to perform the duty of a Gunner in one of the Batteries." He stated that he was allowed no more than the soldiers, and "yet in dividing the plunder among them he was Excluded under the Notion of & as being a Mariner and not Intitled to a Share of the Plunder belonging to the Soldiers." He asked to be allowed mariner's wages.—ED.]

[9-93] [*Relative to the Establishment of a Workhouse: addressed to the General Assembly, Dec. 1, 1752.*]

The Memorial of Thomas Wallingford Daniel Peirce and William Parker Esq^r Humbly Shews

That a Society of Gentlemen Considering the Great Advantage which a Work House Well Accommodated with Apartments and other Conveniences and a Competent Stock for Employing the poor and such as might be properly placed there, would be, both to the persons so Employed as well as to the public, projected a Scheme some time since to raise Money to be Applied towards the Building such an House within and for the Town of Portsm^o

That they have Carried their Scheme into Execution so far as to have raised about Eleven Hundred Pounds old tenor for that purpose and were about to Consult Measures for the Application when it was suggested that such a Design might be more Generally useful if the House was Accommodated for the use of the Province and all such persons (as afores^d) were to be received from every Town and there Employed: who under proper care and regulation woud in a Little time instead of being a Charge, become Serviceable—that such a House would be better for the whole, than to have one in every Town, as all the Valuable Ends of it would be more easily as well as more effectually attained than those of a More private kind—as also that it might be of Service to such places as were in no Condition to undertake any thing of the kind—

That your Memorialists were Chosen & Instructed by the said Society to make a Representation of the premises to the General Assembly, and that the money afores^d in Case they undertake the Building of such an House for the use of the province and put the same under proper Regulations shall be applied to the Same use under their Direction all which is Humbly Submitted, Your Memorialists only praying the Resolution of the General Assembly hereon that they may Report to the said Society & they Consider what is further to be Done by them—

Tho^s Wallingford
D Peirce
W^m Parker

[In H. of Rep., April 17, 1754, a committee was appointed to take the matter into consideration.—ED.]

[9-94] [*Road through John Pickering's Land, 1651.*]

Prov: of New Hamp^r

At a meeting held at Portsmouth by the Town July 7th 1651—

It is agreed on at the Town meeting that whereas there hath been a foot path useally made Viz^t over John Pickering's ground from over his Dam and from thence along by the mill path unto his next path and so nearest as Convenient way towards the present meeting House to be Continued for the more Ease of the Inhabitants and others as shall have Occation to travel that way at all time and times hereafter without Leave of the said John Pickering or Any man Elce to be Continued for Ever—

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att^d H Wentworth Town Cle^r

[9-95 is a plan of the division of George Jaffrey's estate.—
Ed.]

[R. 3-150] [Petition of Samuel Penhallow for pay for his services as commissary to the expedition against Canada. He says he was in the service from July 15, 1746, until Oct. 31, 1747, and that his pay amounted to £169. In H. of Rep., May 18, 1748, "Voted That there be allowed £30 more to M^r Samuel Penhallow in full for his wages as Commissary for y^e intended Expedition against Canada."—Ed.]

[R. 3-153] [*William Rackliff's Petition: addressed to the General Assembly, April 10, 1759.*]

The Petition of William Rackliff of Portsmouth Labourer Most Humbly Sheweth—

That your Petitioner was a Soldier in the Canada Expedition in the year 1757 in the service of the Province aforesaid, in the Company whereof Hercules Mooney was Captain and as such proceeded to fort William Henry where after the Seige he was taken and made a prisoner by the Enemy and Carried to Canada where he remained four months during which time he had the Small Pox and from thence he was Transported to France where he remained for eleaven months and in that time had a Violent Fever and from there he was sent to Falmouth in England where he took passage for New York in the packet & traveled from New York to New Haven on foot & from thence he took passage for Cape Ann & from there he traveled on foot to Portsmouth, arriving in March 1856— * * *

W^m Rackliff

[He was allowed £85, new tenor.—ED.]

[9-96] [*Objections to granting New Castle the privilege of building a Bridge over Little Harbor: addressed to the Assembly May 19, 1757.*]

The Objections of the Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth in said Province against Granting that part of the Prayer of the Petition of the Inhabitants of New Castle, in Said Province which Relates to the Application of the Money they Propose to Raise by a Lottery, (if they may have Liberty to set one up) which they say is for building a Bridge over the River Call'd Little Harbour—As Liberty is Granted to any Person or Persons to Shew why this Petition ought not to be Granted, the said Town of Portsmouth have Chosen & Instructed us the Subscribers, as their Agents for that Purpose And therefore We Pray your Attention to what on this Matter We would Humbly Remonstrate—viz That the Petitioners Ought not to have Liberty to Apply any money at all, whether rais'd by Lottery or otherways to the building of said Bridge, Because they have not ask'd for leave to build it This is a thing they have no Right to do without Special License for it from the Supreme Authority, all Rivers, and Especially those which are Navigable, Ought to be Open the Passage free, neither Impeded or incumber'd, it is like the use of air or Light which all men have an Equal Right to Enjoy the Benefit of, without Impediment. and therefore whenever any Such thing has been done it has been by Such Liberty as aforesaid, which has been Granted only on this Principle, That a Lesser evil may be Sustained to procure a greater good. The Advantage Procur'd by Such Liberty has appear'd to be greater, and more general, than the Injury Sustain'd for it has always been Deem'd an Injury to some by depriving them of a Natural Right, a free unmolested, unimbarass'd Passage,—whether the Framing this Petition in this Manner, so as to pass over, or Beg the main Question, & have it taken for Granted that they have a Right to build a Bridge where they Propose, was done by Design or otherways is Submitted, but if it is taken that it is Implied, in what they Petition for that they ask also for Leave to build the Bridge, we beg leave further to Observe that every Petition for any thing of a Publick Nature, ought to be Explicit—This Petition ought not only to have been so but they ought to have Set forth what kind of Bridge they proposd to build. for by this it wou'd have Appear'd More Easily whether & how far it wou'd be Detrimental to others—If they can Suppose it Practicable to build an Arch from Shore to Shore, & of such a Diameter as will

admit any Vessel that can come into that Harbour to pass under it, & lay their Bridge on that they will meet with no Opposition from us, it is certain a Bridge in one form, wou'd be much more Prejudicial with Regard to passing up and down the River than in another & therefore the whole Plan ought to have been Shewn in the Petition or there can be no just judgment, past on the Merits in favour of it, But That a Bridge built in any way which the Petitioner can carry into Execution wou'd be of more Damage than Advantage We Apprehend will appear by many considerations—It is a Fact well known that Several Vessells of considerable Burthen have come in this way & thereby Escaped the Danger & Damage of Ship Wreck, and the Loss of one Ship of an hundred Tons, wou'd be greater than the advantage of a Bridge there, wou'd have been in a Century past besides the use of that branch of the River is daily increasing as the number of Inhabitants above Increase,—and if We may Judge from the Experience of the last forty years past, the Inhabitants on the Island are & will be daily decreasing so that the Reasons for building a Bridge taken from the accommodating a considerable number of People grow weaker every year,—They were perhaps on every Score Seven times more and Stronger, in Queen Ann's War than now, on the other hand, those who will be in some Degree (Some more than others) Damnified & hurt by it have long been & Still are yearly increasing, and therefore the Argument in favour of this Proposal, Drawn from the Ballance of Advantage Resulting from it utterly fails these Petitioners. It has been Suggested by Some that Such a Building in the way which We can Suppose Feasible by the Petitioners wou'd have a very considerable Tendency to Affright and Drive out the Fish from that Branch of the River by which many of the Neighbouring Inhabitants there are Supplied & Supported which is no small Objection against the Scheme, as to the Reasons given to Inforce this Petition either in that or what their Committee have given (which is little more than dividing & Repeating what is Suggested in the Petition) they are all Reducible to these, that as New Castle is a Barrier by Sea, & the Fort is there, a Bridge in time of War in Case of an Attack by an Enemy wou'd be Convenient both for Supplying them with Men & for a Retreat, as also it wou'd be a Probable means of the Inhabitants Retrieving their Decay'd Circumstances—As to the first of these there is no manner of Weight in it but what was Vastly greater in Queen Ann's War, and besides if there shou'd be a sudden call for Men on Such an Occasion, they cou'd be transported in Boats from this Town sooner than they cou'd Travel thither by land even with the help of a Bridge, for there is no doubt the greater part wou'd go from hence if the men came out of the

Country. and if any came out of Hampton & Rye, they woud soon be ferried Over so that it woud hardly be worth while to Incumber the River with a Bridge, for Such a Precarious & Uncertain Advantage, add to this that the Supposed Advantage of a Bridge, to Pour in men when wanted is fully ballanced, by giving a more favourable opportunity for Deserters to Escape as to the hopes of Retrieving the Circumstances of the Inhabitants there seems to be Little Weight in this, there is no Prospect of an Increase of Inhabitants & Trade there, the experience of more than half a Century is against it—and as there was more Reason for it so it was more Feasible Fifty years ago than now—it is true the Trade and Riches of some particular men there may, as it has for some years past Increase, who might possibly reap some advantage by a Bridge as they woud doubtless draw the custom of some of the Eastern part of Hampton & Rye by it more than at Present, but there particular Emolument is not a very Weighty Argument in favour of an Increase of Trade, in General, nor of Inhabitants in the Place—The Experience of all Countries Proves, the most thriving, Increasing Towns after the first Settlement, is within Land or at a considerable distance from the Harbours mouth—Upon the whole it is Humbly Submitted whether if the thing was Supposed to be reasonable it ought not to be ask'd, for that no such Power or Right could be granted according to Law by their Charter, whether the Supposed Advantages to Accrue from it, are not few & Serve but few in Comparison of the Prejudice arising from it if done both in Respect to Weight and Numbers for that Vessells coming in must necessarily go out again in order to come up the River if a Bridge was there, besides the other Damages aforesaid,—Whether the Growing Numbers of Traders and other Inhabitants above even to the Heads of Rivers and even all the Inland Towns who have any concern with the Salt Water or any thing Transported by it or living in it that passes by or in Piscataqua River woud not be in some degree Affected by this Matter, and whether any consequences Resulting from it can come within the Rule aforesaid, & Preponderate, all which with what may be farther Offer'd upon an hearing is humbly Submitted and will be judged as We humbly hope of Weight Sufficient to obtain a dismission of this Petition.

John Sherburne	} Agents for the Town of Portsmouth
Andrew Clarkson	
John Grifieth	
John Dennet	} Select Men
Sam ^l Penhallow	
William Knight	

[For New Castle petition, see Vol. IX, p. 566.—Ed.]

[9-98] [*Complaint against Market-Men: addressed to the General Court, Nov. 19, 1765.*]

The Humble Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth in said Province sheweth—

That your Petitioners have long labored under the Burden of an oppressive, unreasonable and detestable Custom, which, as it is in its operation destructive to the Properties of the Subject, calls aloud on the Legislative Authority to enact such Laws which shall discountenance, abolish & prevent the same for the future, as being a Public Grievance & having a tendency to subvert the present good order of the Government in general & private Societies in particular.

Your Petitioners beg Leave to present their Complaint to y^r Excell^{cy} & Honours without impeaching the Characters of any Individuals in this Town, but only in the general to say, That it has been usual and customary for many Shop Keepers to purchase of our country Brethren who come into town, great quantities of Provisions of all sorts by way of Truck and vending the same again to y^r Petitioners & others with an advance of 20 per Cent upon the first Purchase, by which we are grievously treated, for if these Monopolizers were once prevented from purchasing other than necessary supplies, as may serve their own family Consumption every Member of the Community would then have an equal Benefit of the Markett.

The Consequences resulting from this Custom is at first View so manifest that your Petitioners think a further observation thereon would be insulting & reflected upon the Judgment of y^r Excellency and Honours they therefore leave their Complaint, not doubting but the Equity thereof will produce such relief on the Premises as the Wisdom of your Excell^{cy} and Hon^{rs} may seem meet to determine

Your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever pray—

W ^m Shackford	William Warner	Ebenz ^r Dearing
Monseieur Bunberry	William Jones	Caleb Beck
Edw ^d Butler	Richard Woods	John Peavey
John marshall	Simeon Akarman	Thom improy
John Moffatt	Tobias Banfill	George Jackson
John Wentworth	Josiah Akarman	John Hunking
Sam ^l Griffith	Nahum Akarman	John Mendum
William Yeaton	Richd. Servans	William Marshall
Rich ^d Champney	George Marshall Jun	Richard Chids
John Wendell	Jos. Allcock	Thomas Palmer
Jonathan Warner	Thomas Palmer	Samuel Beck
Sam. Warner	Michael Whidden	Moses Wingate
Pierse Long	Jun ^r	John Cutt

Geo Wentworth	Joseph Hixon	georg fearnald
John Phillips	Rob ^t Gibbs	Tho ^s Landell
John Churchel	George Hart	William furnel
George Marshall	Thomas Chadbourn	Tho ^s Richard
Sam ^l Ham	Elisha Briard	Sam ^l Barnes
W ^m Hunt	Daniel Hart	Tho ^s Hatch
Richard Polly	Richard Shortridge	W ^m Rose
John how	John Dennett	William Fullerton
Joseph Welch	Mark Fernald	Ebenezer Odiorne
W ^m Gunnison	Geo ^s King	Joseph Moulton jun ^r
W ^m Welch	Samuell Treadwell	Paul Lighton
John Pendexter	Henry Sherburne	W ^m Jenkins
Sam ^l Dalling	Rich Hart	Henry Nutter
John Nelson	Nath ^l Shannon	Epes greenough
George Seaward	Joseph Simes	James Whitaker
Giles Seaward	Benj ^a Mackay	Sam ^l Waters Junior
W Clagett	James Dwyer	Edward Gale
Gregory Purcell	Perkins Ayers	John Wheelwright
Sam ^l Cutts	Charls Banfill	Tobias Melcher
Samuel Moffatt	Jas Gilmor	Jonath Rawlings
James Stoodly	J Brackett	Thomas Goldthwaitt
Geo : Jeffrey	Geo Boyd Jun ^r	Samuel Greenough
Hugh Hall Went-	George Dame	William Gibbes
worth	Will ^m Pearne	Nath ^l Mendum
Sam ^l Appleton	Samuel Hall	John Furnald
Josh. Wentworth	James Grouard	Ezek ^l Russell
D. Sherburne	Nath ^l Sherburne	Eph ^m Dennett
Sam ^l Sherburne	Joseph Walker	Zech ^r Foss
John Beck	Thomas Sherburne	Peter Man
John Noble	Nath ^l Jackson	Mark Nelson
Jn ^o Langdon	Tho ^s Dalling	John Kennard
B : Odiorne	John Lindsay	John Loud
Jn ^o Bartlett	James MDonogh	
James Marden	N : furber	

[In council, Nov. 27, 1765, read and sent to the assembly.—ED.]

[9-99] [*Petition for the erection of a Light-house: addressed to the Assembly, June 14, 1765.*]

The humble Petition of Sundry Merchants & others of Portsmouth and other Adjacent places Concerned in Trade Shews

That the Necessity of a Light house at Some Suitable place near the Mouth of Piscataqua harbor has been a long time acknowledged and desired, and is Obvious to every One,

acquainted with the Situation—For Building of which, Provision was made by the Act commonly called the Loan Act, above twenty years ago, which would Probably then have nearly Effected the thing. considering the Price of Labour & value of the bills Emitted by that Act. But if Such a building was then Estimated of such Importance, to the Safety of Navigation & benefit of Trade it is much more So now by the Increase of both—That the burthens & Difficulties now attending Trade of which every One is Sensible more than when said Act was passd is as Your Petitioners humbly Conceive a very weighty Additional Motive to countenance any lawful Scheme that carries a favorable Aspect towards it, and the Events of the last Winter & Spring are strong presumptive evidences that the Light house proposed would be such, and Prevent in a few Years many heavy losses.—That there is a Society of Gentlemen in Portsmouth aforesaid formd under the Name of the Marine Society who are more Intimately acquainted with the Circumstances and Incidents attending the Navigation of this River than others, who if consulted would more Particularly Demonstrate the Necessity & Advantage of this matter and might be of Service in their advice in the Premises—

Wherefore Your Petitioners humbly request that this affair may be taken under Consideration what was formerly done Considered and such further Measures Determined on and Pursued Especially Such additional Sums Granted as shall best Carry the proposal Into Execution and Your Petitioners Shall ever Pray &c

George Boyd	James Stoodly	Sam ^l Dalling
John Penhallow	Joseph allcock	Giles Seaward
Jonathan Warner	Will ^m Torrey	W ^m Knight
Temple Knight	Rich ^d Hart	Nat Barrell

Members of the Marine Society Viz^t—

Gregory Purcell	James M ^c Donogh	W ^y Langdon
Sam ^l Appleton	George Turner	Pierse Long
Hugh Hall Wentworth	Geo: Janvrin	Nath ^l Adams
Daniel Rindge	Jn ^o Parker	Edward Emerson
Titus Salter	Joseph Hixon	Joseph Mead
Nat Sherburne	Samuel Moflatt	D ^l warner
Sam ^l Warner	John Leye	Ja ^s Nevin
	W ^m Whipple	

Thomas Wentworth	Samuel Tripe	Hall Jackson
Tho ^s Packer	Thomas Hatch	Peter Shores june ^r
John Sherburne	Richard Salter	John Griffeth
D Peirce	John Wendell	Mark Duckett

John Newmarch	Richard Childs	Tim ^r Mountford
Charles Treadwell	Zeb Foss	W ^m Odiorne
J: Tufton: Mason	James Guppy	E Russell
Nath ^l Treadwell	Josh ^a Wentworth	William Parker
A R Cutter	Joseph Simes	Tho ^s Wibird
W Clagett	Geo: Wentworth	Philip Hooker
John Shackford	Joseph Cotton	Noah Parker
Daniel Rogers	Stephen Batson	Jno. Sullivan
Paul march	Jn ^o Blunt	Sam Hale
H Wentworth	John Huggett	W ^m Hart
Samuel Wentworth	John Salter	John Noble
Mark H ^s Wentworth	W ^m Shackford	George Marshall
Sam ^l Cutts	Jn ^o Bartlett	John marshall
Jos: Whipple	Mark Fernald	Eph ^r Ham
John Stavers	Daniel Sherburne	W ^m Gibs
John Moffatt	Batt Staves	Ebnzer Dearing
Tobias Lear	Sha ^d Bell	John Wheelwright
John Beck	Clem ^t Jackson Sen ^r	Joseph Tapley

[In council, June 18, 1765, the foregoing petition was "Read Recommended & Ordered to be sent down to the Hon^{ble} House" In H. of Rep., June 19, 1765, "This petition being Read—Ordered that the petitioners have leave by Mess^{rs} Jn^o Sherburne, Jon^a Warner, Daniel Rindge, Sam^l Cutts, Thomas Wentworth, Gregory Purcell, Titus Salter and George Janvrin to take a view of Odiorns Point & any other place w^h they may think more suitable to erect a light house on that they prepare a plan of the building, make an estimate of the cost thereof & y^e annual expence of supporting it consider what materials will be most suitable for such a Building & make report to the General Assembly as soon as may be" Council concurred.—Ed.]

[90-100] [*Petition relative to Stamp Act Riot: addressed to the Governor and Assembly, July 10, 1766.*]

The Petition of Us the Subscribers a Number of the Inhabitants of Said Province of New Hampshire and Loyal Subjects to his Majestie King George and Peaceable Members of the Province under your Excellenceys Administration, humbly Sheweth

That whereas on the first Day of November last a number of People were Assembled together in a Riotous manner in the Town of Portsm^o in profess'd Design to oppose the Stamp Acts takeing place, and in said Riotous manner did Damage Break

and Spoil a House Built at our Expence for the Purpose of Worshipping God agreeable to his Word and our own Consciences.—

And whereas his Majestie has Publickly made known his royall Pleasure by a Letter from the right Hon^{ble} M^r Conway to his Excellency to make good the Damage Sustained by his Loyal Subject thro the means of Mobs and riotous Assemblies about that Affair

Therefore we most humbly Informe your Excellency and Honors that We have suffered a great Loss in the Damage done said Building, whereby it was rendered Useless to Us full Six months, and altho We have done our best to repair it in as frugal a Manner as Possible to the Expence of no small sum, yet it is Considerably marr'd with many marks of Violence. And We most Earnestly Implore y^r Excellency and Honors in your wonted Attachment to the Honor of his Majestie and your own Generosity and Humanity To take our Case into your Wise Consideration, and Order Us such Redress as your Excellency and Honors shall think Meet; and your Peititoners as in Duty bound shall every Pray—

Nat Barrell
Benj^a Hart

Moses Noble
Colb^a Barrell

Nath^l Rogers
William Fullerton

[In council, July 11, 1766, the foregoing was read and sent down to the H. of Rep.—ED.]

[90-101] [*Relative to Hogs going at large.*]

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth Pray that the Act for Preventing the Hogs going at Large in this Town may pass if possible this Session.

W Clagett
Hy Appleton
John Fernald
James Grouard
Jn^o Parker
Joshua Brackett
W^m Whipple
Jos. Whipple
Sam Penhallow
Samuel Moflatt
Benj^a Parker
Benjamin Slade
H Wentworth
Zeb Foss

Peter Man
George King
Josep Walker
Geo Turner
John Newmarch
Robert Robertson
Neale M^rIntyer
Rob^t Traill
George Boyd
Dan^l Fowle
Gregory Purcell
Sam^l Cutts
Th^o Martin
Jos Allcock

G Wentworth
W^m Knight
John Penhallow
Nath^l Adams
James Dwyer
E Russell
Paul march
William Marshall
W^r Langdon
Benjamin Bigelow
Richard Trusdel
John Clark
Thomas Wentworth
Ja^a Nevin

William Hart
Daniel Rogers
Peter Pearce
Mark Nelson

Will^m Torrey
Is: Rindge
Thomas Chadbourn
A R Cutter

Henry Rust
W^m Shackford
Peter Johnson

[90-102] [*Petition for the passage of an Act to oblige Tax-Payers to give in their Property under Oath: addressed to the General Assembly, Feb. 21, 1769.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers, Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth in the Province aforesaid Most humbly Sheweth

That the Trade and Business of this Metropolis is so greatly Decayed that the Inhabitants are filled with the most Gloomy Apprehensions Espeacially the Middling and Poorer sort who look upon themselves to be greatly Distressed and Aggrieved by the weight of the Public Taxes which by the present method of Assessment falls exceeding heavy on them, when they are scarce able to provide provisions for their Familys—for the Remedying of which Grievance and that all the Inhabitants may be equally Taxed; which at present they are not, the Select Men of the Town having no Certain Rule of Law to Proceed by as they have in the other Provinces on this Continent.

Your Petitioners humbly Request That your Excellency and Honors in your great Wisdom and goodness would be Pleased to Pass a Valuation Act Obliging every Inhabitant of the Town to give in to the Select Men or Assessors a Just and true Valuation upon Oath, of All his Estate Real and Personal under Improvement, that so each Member of the Community may bear his equal Proportion of the Publick charges of Government, Or that you would be pleased otherwise to Relieve the Distrest Inhabitants of this Town, relative to the Premisses in such other Method as to your Exc^y & Honors in your great wisdom shall Judge Meet—

And your Petitioners, as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray &c^a

Portsmouth March 31 1769—

Jacob Treadwell Sen William Hart

Nath^l Treadwell

Sam^l Griffith

Nath^l Treadwell Jun^r

Daniel Hart

Peter Man

Joseph Brewster

Michael Whidden

Jun^r

John Hart Jun^r

John Penhallow

John Newmarch

Josh Blanchard

John Beck

W^m Blunt

Jn^o Clapham

W Appleton

Rich^d Champney

Giles Seaward

Benjamin Bigelow

Geo Turner

Jacob Mills

Henry Sherburne

James Dwyer

J Brackett

Benj^a Mackay

Sam ^l Dalling	Th ^o Martin	Josh. Wentworth
Nath ^l Sherburne	John Sparhawk	Joseph Leigh
Geo Wentworth	Rich ^d Cutts Shannon	Edmund Coffin
George Marshall	Geo: King	Clem ^t Jackson
Geo: Janvrin	James P ^s King	Hall Jackson
John Stavers	Dan ^l Lunt	George King
Peter Pearse	Nehemiah Wheeler	Dan ^l Fowler
Supply Clap	James Haslett	John Fernald
Charls Banfill	Edward Hart	John Adams
Geo Gains	Joseph Bass	Jn ^o Jackson
William Furnell	Sam ^l Cutts	William Fullerton
Sam ^l Gerrish	George Boyd	John Langdon
Benj ^a Parker	Neal McIntyer	Joseph Day
Joseph Allcock	Rob ^t Robertson	W ^m Cario
Gregory Purcell	Ric ^d Hart	

[9-104] [*Petition relative to Market, Fire-Wards, Taverns, Small-Pox, etc.: addressed to the General Assembly, 1772.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers Selectmen of Portsmouth in said County, and as a Committee in behalf of said Town, pursuant to the Vote thereof at their legal meeting for the current Year—Humbly Sheweth, That some persons with a view to monopolize, forestal and engross the market of provisions, have made it a practice to buy all, or the major part of the same before they were brought into the Town, or immediately upon their being brought to market and to retail the same at an exorbitant price, whereby every person inclined to purchase at first hand is prevented therefrom & the Poorer sort of People greatly oppressed and the good design of establishing a fix'd market in said Town, frustrated—That the Law for extinguishing fires in said Town is deficient in that it lays no penalty on any person refusing to obey the firewards in Case of Fire, and also in that it does not empower the firewards to pull down any Buildings they shall judge necessary to prevent the spreading of Fire in the Town—That the great number of Taverns in said Town naturally tend to the corruption of the morals of the Youth, To promote Idleness, drunkenness, & Debauchery and a chain of other vices very detrimental to the well being of the Town,—That said Portsmouth being a Sea-Port Town hath continually been, and yet is, at vast Expence in defraying the charges, and in preventing the Small Pox & other contagious distempers from spreading thro' this province, and for that purpose have, within Twenty Years last past necessarily expended Eight hundred & forty Pounds lawful money.—That the proportion of the Province Tax paid by the said Town appears to them unequal & disproportionate to

what the rest of the Towns annually pay, and as the Trade of s^d Town hath long been declining & the Burthen of Taxes increasing, while the other Towns in the Province have been growing Richer, & while many new Towns have been incorporated & settled (since said proportion was made) which are now able to pay a dividend of the Province Tax.—Your Petitioners therefore Pray, in behalf of the Inhabitants of said Portsmouth that they may have Liberty to bring a Bill for preventing the forstalling & ingrossing of Provisions—To limit the number of Taverns in said Town for the future, & to amend the Act concerning Fires.—That Your Excellency & Honors would reimburse and allow to the said Portsmouth the whole, or such part of the monies by them expended for preventing the spreading of such Contagions as may appear to you Equitable, and that there may be a new proportion of the Province Tax. And your Petitioners, as in duty Bound will ever Pray.—

Portsm^o May 22^d 1772.—

Benj^a Akarman
Sam^l Cutts

Geo Gains
William Langdon

Geo Hart

[In council, May 26, 1772, the foregoing petition was read and sent to the assembly, recommended.—ED.]

[9-119]

[*Relative to a Market, etc.*]

Whereas we the Selectmen of Portsmouth, have in a general way, prayed leave to bring in a Bill against Forestalling and Ingrossing the market of provisions in Portsmouth, We humbly beg leave to suggest to your Excellency and Honors, in a more particular manner the propos'd contents of s^d bill which are that the house built and improved by the Town for a market house in s^d Portsmouth, be establish'd as such. That there be a Clerk of the Market chosen annually by the Town, who shall not suffer any unwholesome or putrid Meat, or other provisions unfit for Sale to be sold there, and if any such be offered for Sale in said Market he shall be obliged to prosecute the Offender, that said Clerk shall not be allowed to buy any Provisions in said Market but for his own family use, and upon conviction thereof the Selectmen shall displace him and appoint another Clerk in his stead, which Clerk so appointed shall continue in his office (except he shall offend as aforesaid, in w^{ch} case the Selectmen may remove and appoint as afores^d) until the next annual Town-Meeting, when a new one shall be chosen. That every day in the year excepting Lord's days and days set apart by Government for Religious Service shall be a market day, the market shall be opened at Sunrise, and kept open until one oClock in the afternoon and every Saturday afternoon, and

every other afternoon preceeding any day set apart by Government for religious services as aforesaid shall be esteemed Market hours—that no Steelyards be allowed in s^d Market nor any other than sealed weights.—That all disputes in the market between buyer and seller concerning things bought and sold in the Market shall be determined by the Clerk—that no person before one oClock in the afternoon shall buy any provision in s^d Market with intent to sell the same at a greater price, nor sell any provision so bought at a greater price than given on penalty of twenty shillings for each offence One half thereof for the use of the informer and the other half for the poor of said Town, that no Huckster, or any other person shall, before one oClock in the afternoon, in any part of said Town, buy any provision brought to said Town either by Land or water for sale with intent to sell the same again at a greater price under the penalty of Twenty shillings for each offence one half to the informer & the Other half to the poor as aforesaid—

[9-105] [*Protest against Theatrical Performances, etc.: addressed to the General Assembly, Jan. 11, 1773.*]

The Petition of a number of his Majestys Dutyful and Loyal Subjects Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth whose names are under written humbly Sheweth—

That your petitioners apprehend great inconvenience to this Town and Province from the Toleration of public Plays and Theatrical Exhibitions that such Theatrical Exhibitions tend to an unnecessary expence both of time & money, of more fatal consequence at a time when the Low State of Trade and continual & just complaint of the scarcity of money, call for the greatest, Diligence and good Economy in the Inhabitants of the Town—that such Exhibitions by exciting the Curiosity of the poor draw them off from their necessary Labours and induce them to spend that in gratification of their Curiosity which ought to have purchased Bread for themselves and Families—

That therefore they have a tendency to increase the number of the poor and accordingly add to the burden of the Town which already is nearly insupportable—that such plays and exhibitions under a pretence of Ridiculing & Correcting have been found in numberless Instances greatly to increase Vice in those places where they have been in use, and have been complained of as a grievance by many of the Wise and Virtuous in the Nation—

That if encouraged in this Town they will increase the means of Dissipation among us which are already observed with concern—

That they will so engage the attention of our youth as greatly

to impede their Progress in the most important parts of Learning both in our Schools and among our Handicrafts—

That they expose our youth to many Temptations and youthful Lusts that especially We apprehend they are by no means favourable to the great cause of Christianity but have a Tendency to divert from a diligent attention to the Holy Scriptures and a serious concern to be prepared for Death and the World to come—That your petitioners have accordingly observed with concern the Encouragement one M^r Morgan has obtained in his Weekly Exhibitions in this Town, and apprehend that some of the abovementioned ill Consequences resulting from the free Toleration of such Theatrical Exhibitions are already too plainly seen among us—

That if he and his Fellow Actors after having attempted to set up their Business in other parts of New England and being universally refused should settle themselves in this Town in said Business, We may Expect beside the great Expence of maintaining him and them, We shall have others of like Character and for the same purpose Crowding in upon us to the no small Detriment of the Town and the State—

Your petitioners therefore from a deep concern for the Honour of God, the Cause of Virtue and the Welfare of the Town and Province Humbly Pray your Excellency and Honours that they may have Leave to bring in a Bill to Prohibit such Exhibitions—

And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound will ever Pray &ca

Arthur Browne	John marshall	Joseph Day
Samuel Langdon	Eph ^m Ham	Abraham Elliot
DD.	Geo. Marshall Jun ^r	Theodore moses
Samuel Haven DD	Reuben Snell	Samu ^l Moses
Sam ^l Penhallow	Sam ^l Dalling	Isaac Williams
John Hurd	W ^m Cario	Jonathan Ayers
Samuel Hale	Dan ⁿ Jackson	Geo Gains
Joshua Brackett	John Griffeth	Samuel Bowles
H Wentworth	James Stoodly	John Grant
John Newmarch	Jos: Whipple	Peter Man
Charles Treadwell	Benj ^a Mackay	John Nelson
A R Cutter	W ^m Knight	W ^m Cotton
John Moffatt	Mark Nelson	Joseph Walton
Tho ^a Hart	Geo. Hart	Temple Knight
John Pickering Jun ^r	Mark Seveay	Sam ^l Cutts
Peter Pearse	Rich ^d Hart	Jos. Allcock
John Penhallow	William Langdon	George Dame
James Clarkson	Nath ^l Treadwell	Joseph Leigh
James Clarkson Jun ^r	Joseph Cotton	Pierse Long
Mark Langdon	Geo: Jerry Osborne	John Beck
George Marshall	Perkins Ayers	

[In H. of Rep., Jan. 13, 1773, voted unanimously that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill.—ED.]

[9-106] [*Relative to taking the Small-Pox, 1773.*]

May it please your Excellency & the Hon^{ble} His Majesties Council—

The Selectmen of the Town of Portsmouth being under fearful Apprehensions of the Small pox spreading in this Town, from the dayly practice of Numbers of the Inhabitants of this Town & Elsewhere; who without proper Regard to, or leave from the Town, throw themselves into the infection upon the Pest House Island, and thereby make it Necessary for us to suffer them to be inoculated, least they should spread the infection the Natural way

And whereas we now hear of a Number who intend to take the same unjustifiable Method of having the Small pox, and that we have no Authority to prevent, or at least it is out of our power to keep them from the Island by laying any penalty for such a great Transgression—We therefore Humbly aske your Excellency & the Hon^{ble} His Majesties Councils Advice and direction in this important matter—

Portsm^o June 27th 1773

Sam ^l Cutts	} Selectmen
Geo. Hart	
Geo Gains	

[An act to prevent the spreading of the small-pox was passed Jan. 29, 1774; and another, which prohibited inoculation for small-pox without permission from the authorities, was passed Dec. 13, 1776.—ED.]

[9-107]

It is the opinion of the Selectmen, & as farr as they understand the Sentiments of the Inhabitants of the Town, that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the people think it much less resque of having the Small pox spread the Natural Way; to have the following Method Established for y^e present—viz

1 to have the pest House used for a Hospital for inoculation—

2^d that a Committee of 5 respectable persons be Appointed to regulate the pest House & Establish the following Rules

3^d That a Doctor of fidelity be Appointed, who must reside at the Island during the pleasure of the Committee—

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4th That two or three persons be chosen and Sworn to conform to the directions of the Committee, to Attend upon y^e order of the House—

5th that no person be Admitted upon the Island without Written leave from the Committee—

6th That if any person Clandistantly goes upon the Island in order to have the Small pox, shall be Subject to a penalty of 30.£ Lawfull money—

7th That any & Every person that chooses to go down to the Pest House to be inoculated, must Apply to the Committee, & pay them £ Lawful money for the Charge, & then obtain a certificate from said Committee to the Doct^r of his having Agreed to the Terms of inoculating —

Sam^l Cutts Selectmen

[9-110] [*Departure of Gov. Wentworth, 1775.*]

Portsmouth Aug 25 1775

Sir—

We beg leave to inform the Hon^{ble} Provincial Congress that yesterday his Majesty's Ships Scarborough & Canso sailed from this Harbour 'tis said for Boston with Governor Wentworth & his Family on board & that we doubt not the Hon^{ble} Congress will in their Wisdom pay due attention to the request of this Committee signified to them yesterday by Mr Morrison

We inclose a Vote of this Committee relative to Shipping off Fish & M^r Champney who carries this will inform the Hon^{ble} Congress fully as to that Matter—

I am

by order of the Com^{ee}. of Safety

Sir

Your most hble Servant

H. Wentworth Chairman

To the Honorable The President of the Provincial Congress

[In provincial congress, Aug. 28, 1775, the committee of safety of Portsmouth were earnestly recommended to use all prudent methods to prevent the exportation of fish from Gosport.—ED.]

[9-112] [*Portsmouth Committee of Safety to the Provincial Congress, 1775.*]

Comm^{ee} Hall Portsm^o 9th Nov 1775

To the Honorable Provincial Congress—

The Committee of Safety for this Town, having been favored

with a Sight of the Votes of the Honorable Congress, relative to enlisting 200 Matrosses & 300 Soldiers, for the defence of the several ports, at the entrance of this Harbour, intreat the consideration of the Congress to their Petition that a larger Number of Men may be employed for that purpose—

So many reasons concur, in favor of this our request, that We would not trouble the Congress to enumerate them all, but we just beg leave to mention, that the Port being the key to this Province, and a great part of Kittery, it was the Opinion of Generals Washington, & Sullivan, that a thousand Men were requisite, & they have accordingly thrown up Works to cover so many

That if so small a Number as 500, are posted there, the Enemy, from whose late behavior, we can expect nothing but Treachery, and Surprize, in case they can obtain by such means, either of the ports, will make use of those very works to dispossess us of the rest. which as they have a plenty of Ammunition, of which We are Short, We fear they may too easily do—That the Harbour of Boston being liable to freeze, which is not the case with this, an Acquisition of this kind would be of vast importance to the Enemy, while it would strike a general Damp on the Inhabitants of this Colony, an Event carefully to be guarded against at this critical Season of the War

We beg leave only further to say, that our own personal Security, is not the only consideration, that prompts us to prefer this Petition, We consider the Matter in a much more extensive view, and doubt not the Hon^{ble} Congress will do the same—Our Harbour is in a manner now defenseless the Men whose Inlistments are out being mostly gone. We have certain Intelligence that the Fleet under Morrells command, with some other Men of War are now at Boston. We therefore intreat that one thousand Men may be forthwith posted at the Works aforesaid for one Month to be under the command of the same Field Officers who have formerly had it of whose Abilities we entertain the highest respect & confidence And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c

By order of the Com^{ee} of Safety

H Wentworth. Chairman

[9-114]

Ports Mouth the 30 Day 1776

Gentlemen this to Beg the favour of you of Liberty of going to work att my trad with Gorge hart or Noah parker Ither of them gentlemen will Be my Bonsmen and Gentelm fourder I hav Sarved five months in the provesel Sarvis

I hav Sind all Sociation a cording too the act of Congres and Gentelmen funder I hav no Close to my Back taking in Such a maner that I cude not help my Self and I Should Take it a grate favour to hav the Liberty to work and

So I am your well wishers

John Carpenter

To the Onnerable and Ginneral Commyty att Exeter

[9-116] [*Instructions to Assembly-Men, 1776.*]

Portsmouth December 18th 1776 At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & others Inhabitants of said Portsmouth p^r adjournment the following Instructions were given to the Gentlemen Elected by them to serve in General Assembly—

Gentlemen

The free Suffrages of your fellow Citizens have Elected you to the betrusement of their dearest Rights & Priviledges! They have chosen you to represent them at the General Assembly of this State from a Consciousness of your Abilities, Integrity & attachment to the Public Weal! And also they can safely depend upon your firmness, yet they presume it must be more agreeable to you, to know their Sentiments on some Public Matters, which they cannot but think to be very Interesting to the Community! We therefore take leave to give you the following Instructions—

1st We desire you would use you utmost Influence to procure an Act of Assembly! That no Person should hold more than One Place of Profit Civil or Military under this Government at the same time! And that no Member of the Assembly should hold any Place of Profit while he retains his Seat in the House as it is of the greatest Importance to the Public Interest, that no Placemen or Pensioners should hold a Seat in the House! We have seen a too selfinteresting Principle prevailing in former Assemblies & the observation has been general! We think the Public Favours ought not to be confined to a few, but extended to many, by which our Union will be more strongly cemented! Merit ought to be more consider'd & when Gentlemen of Abilities are chosen into the Public Service they ought to be provided for agreeable to the Importance of their Offices—

2^{dly} We desire you would take the greatest Care that our Soldiery are not neglected as they have been, by suffering the Sutlers shamefully to enrich themselves by their Extortion, with the spoils of those worthy men who have jeopardized their Lives in the defence of their Country & its sacred Rights every

encouragement should be given to quiet their Fears & apprehension of the like base treatment in future—

3^{dly} We are concern'd to see Monopolies Extortion & Oppression so predominant in Town & Country by which the Poor, the Widow, the Orphan the Fatherless & many other Classes of People are suffering under every discouragement, & is more Instrumental of Proselyting many to the side of our Enemies, than even the most open Bribery & Corruption for while we are Complaining of Oppression from the British Government & flying from the Effects of such Oppression, we are made doubly miserable under the disguise of Friendship. The Hon^{ble} Continental Congress have recommended the Consideration of these apparent Evils to all the States & we earnestly solicit you to prevent this dreadful Calamity, which threatens disunion, discord & perhaps more dangerous consequences than the Arms of our Enemies.

4th We desire your attention to the State of the Public Funds & that you do not Consent to the making of more Money by this State, but that you would Consult with the other States upon an effectual method to sink the Monies already issue'd whereby the Currency may be preserv'd from depreciating & the Public Faith more secured, There are not wanting many within Ourselves, who would wish to see the depreciation increas'd as they well know this Circumstance alone, would have a Tendency to weaken our opposition more than any other

5th We desire that you would pay a great attention to any Causes of Complaint subsisting in many Towns on the Western part of this State & to quiet any uneasiness which they feel from Real or suppos'd Injuries by Partial Representation, these Complaints if they are not seasonably redress'd may ripen into an open disaffection to our Cause as the Right of Taxation wholly depends upon that of Representation, & is the Basis of our present Controversy with Britain, & if we withhold this right from our own Brethren by an unequal Classical Representation, we shall split upon the very Rocks, we are striving to avoid, We pray you would preserve this Inherent Right to the People Inviolable & sacred as it is their dearest Priviledge—The better to make Representation equal & general (as the Congress recommended) Let it be determined what number of Voters shall be Intitled to a Representative not exceeding Fifty, & that every Town should have as many Members as that Number will admit of & send as many (if they think proper) provided every Town pays its own Members, for we do not think it equitable that the whole Representation should be paid out of the Public Treasury, for perhaps many Towns may not incline to send any Members & it would be unreasonable that they should be Tax'd for one, when they don't send him—

6th We enjoin it on you that all Persons who have had the public Monies should Account for the same that the general Accounts may be forwarded to the Continental Congress, & especially that all such monies as now are or which hereafter may be lodg'd in the Maritime Court, may be Accounted for Quarterly by the Judge of said Court & paid into the Public Treasury & to be Borrowed by the Assembly untill the Proprietors shall Claim the same or be otherwise dispos'd of by the Assembly for the Public Good—

7th We desire you would procure a support for the Poor of the Isle of Shoals out of the Public Treasury, to ease the Burthens of this Town which has been at great Expence on their Account, & at a Time when we are unable to Maintain our own—

8th We would advise you to procure a Tax to sink the Money already Emitt'd & that Money be hired for the Contingencies of Government rather than Consent to another Emission—

9th We desire you would encourage any Persons who would undertake the Manufactories of Salt-Hemp, Malt & Bloomeries for the Casting of Cannon & Pot Iron of every kind, also to the raising of Wheat Flax & any other Beneficial Commodity of Domestic Consumption—

10th We would wish to see some Laws made for preserving the Morals of the People & for every purpose for the Safety Honour & Welfare of the Community—

A True Copy

Attest

John Penhallow Town Clerk

[9-118] [*Relative to having a Price fixed on Certain Commodities, 1777.*]

To the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth who are desirous of quietting the minds of many as well to preserve an Unanimity in the Common Cause—

Sheweth,

That notwithstanding the many sore Distresses this unhappy Country is now suffering by the wanton Cruel and unrelenting hand of Britain's King & his minions; Yet there are among ourselves (both in Town & Country) many who for want of virtue (that inestimable Jewel) have lost sight of the Grand object which they ought to have in view by oppressing the Industrious

Tradesman Labourers & others in their Exorbitants & unheard off demands for almost every Commodity that by the Dispensation of Divine Providence they are favoured with; which will prove a Curse rather than a Blessing, unless a speedy reformation takes place, at present it appears doubtfull as the fear of God & Love for their Country seems not to dwell in them and no other prospect for redress presents then for your Honors interposing therein by ascertaining & Limiting by Law certain prices for the common necessities of Life (without taking notice of superfluous Articles) as in your Wisdom may be thot consistant with sound policy for the better securing peace & unanimity among the people in General as many appear discouraged thereby which at this Critical time ought to be wisely Considered in order to prevent evil Consequences attending which may not at present be foreseen—Your petitioners at the same time beg leave to observe that they view the present Era big with the greatest importance respecting the political Event of this New World and have no doubt by the blessing of God, we shall finally come off Conquerors provided we hold ourselves United which may be effected by viewing the publick Cause our private Concern and despising a sordidness of Gain extorted from our Neighbours at this day of puplick Calamity—And your petitioners in Duty bound shall ever pray—

Portsmouth January 6th 1777—

In Publick Town Meeting the petition being read a second time—

Voted

That it be preferred to the General Assembly of this State for their Consideration.—

Portsmouth January 7th 1777—

a True Copy

Attest

John Penhallow Town Clerk

[An act fixing the prices of the necessities of life, etc., was passed Jan. 18, 1777, and an additional one the tenth of April following.—ED.]

[9-121] [*Letter from John Langdon relative to the Enemy at Penobscot, 1779.*]

Portsm^o June 30th 1779—

Gent

there Seems to be great Exertions, to procure Sufficient force to go against the Enemy Penobscot. and as it Seems a Duty to

Assist a Sister State, I could wish that we may Not be behind hand. I have therefore taken the liberty to mention it to Honb^l Committee of fitting out Some Ship from this port to Joine those from the Massachusetts, in Destroying or Driveing the Enemy from our Coasts, We have the Ship Hampden now here that might be got Ready in Short time, She partly belongs here, partly at Boston.—the State must take here, and have her Appraised, and fited at their Risque—I should be Exceeding happy if Such a Matter Could be Bro't ab^t and would give every Assistance in my Power.—

I am Gen^t your most Obd S^t

John Langdon

[9-123] [*Petition to fit and send the ship Hampden against the Enemy, 1779.*]

Respectfully Shew The Subscribers Inhabitants of said State

That they are alarmed by a late descent of the Enemy on the Eastern Shore of the State of Massachusetts-Bay, That we are informed Said State of Massachusetts are exerting every Nerve to oppose the progress of the Enemy in that quarter—

And as the Situation of this State exposes us to the Attacks of the Enemy should they establish their Power at Penobscot, We humbly concieve it highly for the Advantage of this State as well as for the general Benefit of the United States of America that immediate opposition should be made, & that we should heartily Joyn with our Neighbour State by furnishing what little Assistance may be in our power to oppose the Common Enemy—For which purpose we would propose that the Ship Hampden may be Commissioned, Fitted & Man'd (which we concieve may be imediately done by Volunteers) with all expedition, to joyn & Coopperate with our Brethren of the Massachusetts—

We hope that our honest intentions to promote the public good will apologize for our forwardness in suggesting this Matter to the Honorable Committee of Safety—

Portsmouth 28th June 1779

Joshua Brackett	Theodore Atkinson	Samuel Fernald
Joseph Simes	John Sherburn	Thomas Sheafe
H Wentworth	John Penhallow	Rob ^t Jenness
John Parrott	Josh. Wentworth	E Russell
Joseph Bass	Thomas Palmer	Samuel Briard
Jonathan Warner	Sam ^l Dalling	John Wendell
Geo Wentworth	Nath Folsom	Henry Sherburne

Moses Woodward	Giles Seaward	Tobias Warrener
Neal McIntyer	James Whitaker	Daniel Rogers
John Cutt	Edward Sargent	Nath ^l Treadwell
A R Cutter	Sam ^l Hutchings	Sam ^l Penhallow
James Grouard	Henry Nutter	Nahum Ward
Peter Man	Pierse Long	James Haslett
Jacob Treadwell	W ^m Cotton	Rob ^t Parker
Jeremiah Libbey	Geo : King	Sam ^l Gerrish
H Appleton	Samuel Hill	J. Whipple
Benjamin Slade	James Gooch	

[9-122] [*Statement of the Condition of Matters in Town,*
1779.]

State of New Hampshire. Rockingham ss.

At a Town-Meeting Warn'd and held at the West-Chamber in the State-House at Portsmouth by Adjournment October 1st 1779—

The Report of the Committee represent'g the distrest State of this Town being read.

Voted, That it be Accepted, And a Copy thereof be given to the Representatives of this Town, to Lay before the General-Assembly at their next Session.

The Committee Appointed to prepare a representation of the distrest State of the Town, beg leave to Report that upon Examination they find that out of Twelve Thousand Tons of Shipping, which prior to the present War were owned here Annually, there are not more than Eight Hundred Tons now, That Trade of all Sorts hath lessen'd in the same Proportion, That on the 27th of July last, there were no more than 383 Men upon the Train-Band and Alarm-List, The rest of the Men belonging to the Town were in the Navy Army or Captivity, except a few Persons in Privateers belonging to other States—That all the Current Cash in the Town is insufficient to pay the Taxes the present Year—That early in the War a resolve passed the General-Court of this State, order^d the Inhabitants of the Isle of Shoals to remove from thence, to prevent any Intelligence which might otherwise be given to the Enemy. In Consequence of which this Town has been burthen'd with the poorer Sort of them since that Time, which is a great Addition to the Expences thereof—That the Annual Expences of this Town for the Support of the Poor Amount to near Thirty Thousand Pounds—That the Lodgment of the Enemy at the Eastward, hath deprived the town of its Principal Resources and greatly

increased the Price of Wood and otherwise very much obstructed the little Trade it had left—That the Town being constantly exposed to sudden Attacks and Depredations of the Enemy render it unsafe was it in its Power to furnish Men to be remov'd to any considerable Distance, all which distressing Circumstances consider'd must make it appear to every Impartial Person That the State and Continental Taxes for this Town ought to be reduc'd in Proportion to the Reduction of their Trade and Augmentation of their other Distresses—

Portsmouth September th 29th 1779

A. R. Cutter
John Parker
John Pickering
Peirse Long

Portsm^o Octobr 5th 1779—
a True Copy Attest

John Penhallow Town Clerk

[9-124] [*Relative to Town Affairs, 1780: addressed to the General Court.*]

The Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Portsm^o at their Annual Meeting held this day by Adjournment taking into their consideration the very large and disproportionate Tax laid on them by Government. for the present Year, and being fully Conscious of their utter Inability to discharge it, beg leave to lay before your honors a true State of their Present unhappy Scituation, and leave it with your honors to Judge how, & in what manner you can best Alleviate & redress their sufferings.—

This being a Sea-Port Town, the Inhabitants depend intirely on Trade & Navigation for their Support;—when this fails them, they must soon be reduc'd to Poverty & want.—How far this has been the case will appear.—

In the Year 1774 the Shipping belonging to this Port amounted to twelve thousand Tons,—this by a gradual diminution from that Period is now reduc'd to about five hundred Tons.—This has not only been a Loss of so much Trade to the Town—of employment to the Mechanic & Labourer—but a total Loss of so much Property to the several Individuals.—at least $\frac{7}{8}$ ^{ths} of the Shipping (by an exact estimate lately made) which sailed from this Port since last fall. has since been taken or lost.—The Depreciation of the Currency and high price for the necessities of Life, have been another source of misfortune & Loss to this Town which has been necessarily Ondebted to the Country for the chief of such supplies, for which the bulk of the People have had nothing to pay but money—whilst the

former has been supplied within himself,—his chief Stock that is, his Lands, remaining whole—nor has this Town sustain'd greater Loss, in what its Inhabitants have purchased than in what they have been forc'd to sell—Many suffer'd extremly & some were ruin'd by the Regulating Act—Vast quantities of Rum & other Merchandise were sold at the Stipulated Prices, while in a month or two afterwards five times the sum would not replace the same Articles.—And what added sorely to this misfortune—there was an Act, or Order of this State Compelling People to deliver up Particular Articles at the Stated Price, on pain of having them taken from them by force—And these were not Paid for by the Publick till the Articles had risen in value—Ten-fold.—

The Act pass'd in the begining of the War obliging the Inhabitants of the Isle of Shoals to remove from thence, has thrown the Poorer sort of them upon this Town, and added greatly to the expences thereof.—The Annual charges of which for the support of the Poor the present year, being like to Amount to at least Eighty thousand Pounds.—The Lodgment of the Enemy at the Eastward—hath amazingly increas'd the Price of Wood & otherwise much Obstructed the little Trade we had left—Another very great Loss has been sustain'd by Persons in the Town who have had large sums of money at Interest in the Country, who have sunk $\frac{7}{8}$ ^{ths} of such Estates—by being forced to receive their several Debts at the Nominal Value—Add to all this the Great Loss the Town suffer'd on the Alarm about 3 Years ago, in being Oblig'd so suddenly to remove with their Effects out of Town, the Expence of moving; the Damage & loss of Such Effects; & the Charge of keeping them so long in the Country.—

These, and many other causes which it would be tedious to mention, have reduc'd this once flourishing Town,—to its Present low & distress'd Scituation—A Scituation—more deplorable than that of any Sea-Port Town on the Continent, that has not been Actually in the hands of the Enemy—Multitudes are reduced from easy Circumstances, to want & beggary, and half the Inhabitants at least have frequently been without Bread or Fuel—

From this Account of our Scituation, your honors will Judge whether we are in a Capacity to pay such a Tax as we are Assess'd.—We leave it wholly with your honors to admit what part thereof you think Just. and we doubt not it will be no Inconsiderable part thereof—

State of New-Hampshire Portsmouth

At a Town meeting held the 13th day of June 1780 by adjournment Voted. that the above Report be accepted—and that

John Pickering & J M Sewall Esq^{rs} be a Committee to enforce the same at the Gen^l Court in behalf of y^e Town

John Penhallow Town Clerk

To be considered by the Comth of the Whole

[9-125] [*Instructions to Representatives, 1780.*]

Att a legal Town Meeting held at the West-Chamber in the State-House in Portsm^o by Adjournment Nov 27th 1780—

Voted, that the following Instructions be given to the Representatives of this Town Viz

To William Whipple John Langdon and George Gains Esq^{rs}

Gentlemen,

Your re-election at this important crisis, is a fresh testimony of the affection of your Constituents and of our confidence in your abilities and integrity; but as we judge you desirous to find yourselves supported in the faithful discharge of the high trust reposed in you by our suffrages, we have thought fit to give you the following Instructions while we depend upon your best exertions to carry them into effect.

It is not to be expected, amidst the various and important objects which must demand your consideration in the present situation of public affairs, we should pretend to point out any, but such as ought to engage your earliest attention: of which kind we esteem the filling up this State's quota of the Continental army during the war; providing every thing necessary, & convenient for officers and privates, establishing their pay upon a certain and unfailing basis, and punctually complying with all promises made them. The least inattention to this momentous object, we consider both impolitic and criminal.

At a time when our obstinate foes are pluming themselves on their skill in financing, building their fond hopes of conquest upon our want of experience in that art, and the failure of our paper currency; while our agriculture, alliances and resources are increasing, with pungent sorrow, we behold our medium of trade, the nerves and sinews of our defence labouring under the loss of public faith! Without enquiring into the policy of former administrations, or faulting them for not providing funds adequate to its support, or for taking other measures to prevent its depreciation, which have had a contrary effect; realizing that public and private credit must ever be supported by integrity and honour; we instruct you to revise all the laws now existing respecting our paper-currency, and to use your influence for the repeal of any inconsistent with those principles; and for

enacting such as shall give credit and permanency to the currency, rescue the widow and orphan from the hand of oppression and injustice, and fix a lasting criterion for commutative justice between the subjects of this state, that none in future may have just cause of complaint.

Convinced from reason and experience, that all embargoes and restrictions of trade between the States, are anticommercial and tend to destroy the harmony and friendly intercourse which the principles of the american constitution are calculated to encourage and cherish, we recommend it to you not to consent to any such embargoes and commercial restrictions but on the contrary that you upon all occasions strive to preserve the most intimate cordiality and friendly intercourse between these states, ever emulous, with care and caution, to nurture and bring to maturity a plant of such nice contexture.

The protection of our Seacoast and frontiers is so necessary & will so naturally come under your consideration, it would be needless to instruct you about it.

The frequent and almost constant alteration in the number of inhabitants, and quantity of property in many of our towns, evince the expediency of making a new proportion of public taxes annually.—We need not mention to you, the Representatives of this once commercial flourishing town, its present impoverished, distressed condition as a forcible argument for the alleviation of our public taxes.

Acting in the legislative department, you will not be unmindful of the judicial; but studiously endeavour, to render the courts of law independent of every kind of undue influence, while you provide salaries for the justices of the superior court of judicature, adequate to the arduousness and importance of their office; the final decision of property and life.

With deep concern we notice, the almost unbounded jurisdiction given by many acts of the state to Justices of the peace, whereby the trial by jury is curtailed, and the grand palladium of our liberty and security endangered, wherefore we instruct you to use your influence for the repeal of such acts or clauses therein and to prevent the like in future

Agreeably to the desire expressed in the precepts for chusing members of the General Assembly, we empower and instruct you to vote for calling a convention for the purpose of forming a new and permanent plan of Government.

Pleased to see the last General Assembly sitting at the ancient seat of government and present seat of intelligence in the very house built and designed for that purpose we reasonably expect you will solicit the General Assembly of which you are members, to sit here also, in which we entertain the pleasing hopes of your success, as their sitting here abstracted from other

motives, will be as convenient for the members in general, if not more so, than the place where they are to convene

The proper security and humane treatment of prisoners of war, at this unhappy period, is an object which merits your attention, and for which purpose, places more suitable for their reception and confinement should be immediately provided.

We wish an enquiry into the State of the treasury as well as frequent adjustments of all public accounts.

In fine encourage cherish and protect literature and the sciences, virtue and piety—conform all your measures to the eternal rule of rectitude and you cannot fail of the applause of your fellow citizens and of the approbation of your own consciences.—

Portsmouth November 29th 1780—

Attest John Penhallow Town Clerk

[R. 3-159] [*Memorial of Maj. Samuel Sherburne: addressed to the General Assembly, 1780.*]

The Petition of Sam^l Sherburne of Portsmouth in the state aforesaid sheweth. That on or about the last of July 1778, your Petitioner in compliance with a recommendation of the Honb^l Committee of Safety, to the Militia of this state, voluntarily turned out & put himself under the command of Gen^l Sullivan on an expedition against Rhode Island. That he was there appointed to the office of Brigade Major and in y^e action of the 29th of August [1778] lost his left Leg by a shot from the Artillery of Enemy. He therefore requests to receive the benefits appointed by Congress in such cases, and to be put on y^e half pay establishment to commence from y^e day of his being wounded—and that y^e surgeons Bill may be allowed—and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray

Sam^l Sherburne

[In council, June 16, 1780, he was allowed £890 for his doctor's bill.—ED.]

[R. 3-160.]

[Simeon Fernald, under date February 3, 1780, stated that when the expedition was formed against Penobscot he enlisted and went on board the ship Hampden, but escaped in a boat when the ship was captured. He was sick, and died three days after, as certified by Dr. Hall Jackson, February 12, 1780, at which time his widow, Margery, applied

for relief, stating that she had six small children, and was destitute.—ED.]

[R. 3-163.] [*Petition of Mrs. Lewis for an Allowance, 1780.*]

To the Honourable the Council and the House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire Now Convened at Exeter for the Dispatch of Business. The Humble Pition of Elizabeth Lewis of Portsmouth, Humbly Sheweth to your honours That when it was the sovereign Pleasure of the suprem Director of all Human Events to Permit a Spirit of Timidity to Seize the Bulk of the British Nation in Suffering their Rulers to Pursue such a Systim of Policy Disgracefule to them as a Nation Inasmuch as their Conduct was Unjustifiable by the Fundamentals of their own Constitution and when it Become the Indispensible Duty of the Inhabitants of these States for the Preservation of their Own Libertys as well to Guard the sacred Disport the Natural Rights of Posterity to embody a Number of its Freeman to Counteract the Flagitious and Sanguinary Disigns of Evil & Disingning Men—That John Lewis the only Son of your Petitioner Engaged in the Service of his country in troops Raised by this State for the Preservation of American Liberty as Early as the year 1775 That on the 6th Dec^{br} 1776 he Inlisted into the Company of Cap^t Benjamin Titcomb During the Present war That on the 26th following at the battle of Trenton he served the Sacred Cause & paid the Last Tribble Due to his Country by Breathing his Last in its Service. * *

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Portsm^o June 10th 1780

Elizabeth ^{her} X Lewis
mark

[9-127] [*Relative to Parish Bounds: addressed to the General Assembly, Dec. 18, 1782.*]

Humbly shew the subscribers Wardens of the North and South Parishes in Portsmouth in the county of Rockingham and State aforesaid in behalf of the parishioners of said parishes, that the parishes aforesaid not being bounded by any lines, the parishioners of the respective parishes cannot be ascertained without great difficulty and trouble, and when ascertained & taxed to the parochial charges, the collection of a considerable part of the taxes, is often rendered impracticable, by reason of many such parishioners being absent at sea & elsewhere.

The arrearages so incurred and increased from year to year either remain unpaid or are paid by such as have before paid their

quota. The difficulties and burdens aforementioned your petitioners, conceive, would be in great measure removed & the collection of the taxes facilitated, were the parishioners of the respective parishes impowered to assess and lay such parochial taxes on the Pews in the Meeting-houses in each parish, or on the pews, polls & estates of said Parishioners, as might be found most convenient & equitable; and were the Collectors also of each parish impowered to sell at public vendue the pews of the delinquent owners for non payment of future taxes, which may be laid thereon, with incident charges, returning the over-plus money, if any, to the owners of the pews so sold: Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray, that, the parishioners of said parishes respectively may be impowered to assess, lay and collect such parochial taxes in manner aforementioned and that your petitioners may be permitted to bring in a Bill for that purpose and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c

John Sherburne	} Wardens of the North Parish
Sam ^l Penhallow	
Benjamin Akarman	
Pierse Long	} Wardens of the South Parish
John Pickering	
Thomas Sheafe	

[R. 3-166] [*Richard Sherman's Petition: addressed to the General Assembly, 1782.*]

The Petition of Richard Sherman of Portsmouth Humbly Sheweth—That your petitioner enlisted in the Continental service in the year 1777—that at the retreat from Ticonderoga he was wounded by the enemy in the hip: that afterwards, at the Capture of Burgoyne, he was wounded in the arm—and lastly with Gen^l Sullivan, at Susquehanna, he was wounded in the body the ball passing, after entering the breast, thro' the shoulder;

* * * Rich^d Sharman

Portsmouth Dec^r 25th 1782

[R. 3-167] [*Soldiers' Order.*]

Portsmouth August 28th 1782—
Sir—

Please to pay The Town of Portsmouth the whole of wages due to James Lock & Theodore Marston as Soldiers in Cap^t

Parsons Company in Coll^l Runnells Regiment Last year for
Said Town Being for Value Rec^d by their Orders—

Simon Marston

To the Hono^{bl} Meshack Weare Esq^r

[R. 3-168] [*Supplies to Soldiers' Families.*]

The Town of Portsmouth To Jeremiah Libbey D^r for Sup-
plies to the Continental Soldiers Familys Since Jan^y 1, 1781
Viz^t

1781 William Russells	804.6
Noah Allards	182.16
Edward Goatham	154.10
Rich ^d Sheerman	213. 6
John Jones	450—
John Shute	284. 0
John Humble	210.14
Thomas Shaw	341—
	<u>1836 14</u>
	2641. 0
Commissions @ 10 per ct	<u>264—</u>
	<u>£2905.—</u>

Portsmouth March 21, 1781

Errors Excepted

Jeremiah Libbey

the truth & Justice of this Acc^t was Sworn to by Jeremiah
Libbey

Before Geo Gains Jus Peace

[R. 3-169] [*Supplies to Soldiers' Families.*]

The Select Men of the Town of Portsm^o To Jeremiah Libbey
—D^r

for Supplys to the Following Soldiers Familys Since April 1,
1781 Viz^{ts}—

1781 Richard Shermans	100.16
John Shutes	65. 8
John Humbles	37. 4
Noah Allard for his Mother	60—
Thomas Shaw's	<u>252.12</u>

John Jones's	243.12
Edward Goatham	138.11

Commissions @ 10 per c^t

898. 3
89.16

Lawful m^y of the Old Emission

£987.19

Portsm^o May 20th 1781

Errors Excepted

Jeremiah Libbey

1781

May 25 By an Order on Coll^l Akerman for the Above Sum

£987.19

Jeremiah Libbey—

the truth of this Acco^t Was Sworn to by Jere^h Libbey

Before George Gains Jus Peace

[R. 3-170]

The Town of Portsmouth To Supply Clap.— D^r

For Supplies to the following Soldiers Family's in the Continental Service to June, 1783,—Viz^t—

John Jones	£7.16.6
Jon ^a Shute	5—
Edward Goatham	5. 2
James Jones	3.16—
George Abbott	3.18—
Samuel Odiorne	4.16—

£30.8. 6

To my Com^a on d^o @ 10 per Cent—

3.0.10

£33.9. 4

Portsmouth June 1783 Errors Excepted,—

Supply Clap.

[R. 3-171]

[Bounties to Soldiers.]

John Collins in 1778	5,15, 7	Thomas Shaw	24, 2,7
Noah Allerd 1780 & 1781	4,13, 9	William Busull	19,10,0
John Jones	58,19, 3	Abraham Senter	5, 4,3
Edward Gotham	23,18, 2	Robert Stockle	1,14,2
David Duncan	7, 4,11	Stephen Swetser	4,16,3
Philip Cooper	9,13, 6	Thomas Waters	5, 3,5

W ^m Gale	4, 3, 10	Joseph Hull	3, 16, 6
Rich ^d Sherman	28, 19, 10	John Shute	28, 4, 0
Geo Abbot	24, 4, 6	John Humble	8, 16, 0
Solomon Abbot,	1, 15, 3	James Jones	4, 8, 3
Benj ^a Cross	2, 1, 9		

276, 19, 2

Philip Cooper D^r to Selectmen Portsmouth

19, 3

277, 18, 5

In Committee on Claims

Portsmouth 13, 1785 The above Sums (amounting to Two Hundred Seventy seven pounds eighteen shillings & five pence) advanced by the Town of Portsmouth for Bounties & supplies have been deducted from the above Soldiers depreciation

Ex^d per Josiah GilmanPortsm^o June 14th 1785—Recd an Order on the Treas^r for the above Sum

In behalf of Selectmen—

Geo Gains

[*Portsmouth Men in the Revolution—Copied from Revolutionary Papers in Secretary's Office.*]

[P. 49]	Jedediah Nock, age 25,	Cilleys Regt in 1778
	Edward Smith, age 40,	" " "
[P. 53]	Samuel Johnson, age 45,	" " "
[P. 55]	George Yeaton, age 17	Nathan Hale's Batt.
	George Abbott, age 36	" " "
	Abraham Senter, age 27	" " "
	John Davis, age 22	" " "
	Roberts Stockels, age 31	" " "

The 6 following enlisted in Capt. James Carr's Company and received each £20, bounty

	Age	Enlisted
[P. 265]	John Wright	21 Feb. 11, 1777
	John Rawlins	22 " 17, "
	Thomas Quint	19 " 17, "
	Thomas Warren	21 Mar. 10 "
	Abraham Senter	28 Feb. 17 "
	John Mehon	47 " 17 "

[P. 63] John Archibald, & Samuel Lear, Cap. Carr's Co.

[P. 295] Soldiers enlisted for the Town of Portsmouth for three month, Sept 1781—

Sam ^l White Cate	James Lock	Jon ^a Blue
John Clark	John Mills	Joseph True
Solomon Rundlett	Enoch Butler	Ezekiel Knowles
Wm Marden	Theodore Martin	Benj ^a Page
W Y. Ham	Jer ^h Avery	Tho ^s Ayers

[P. 325] [Men in 2d N. H. Reg't, Camp New Hampshire Village, Feb. 14, 1781: Noah Allard, Matthias Welch. The latter belonged in Portsmouth, but enlisted for Rochester.]

[9-130] [*Vote on the Eighth Article of Confederation.*]

At a Town Meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Portsmouth held October 23, 1783

The Recommendation of Congress for making an Alteration in the Eighth Article of the Confederation being taken into Consideration—

Voted—

That the Representatives of this Town be not Impowered to Comply with said Recommendation, but on the Contrary be & hereby are Instructed to Oppose it

Portsmouth October 27th 1783

A True Copy

Jeremiah Libbey Town Clerk

[See Vol. XI, p. 318.—Ed.]

[9-133] [*Petition of the Wardens of Queen's Chapel: addressed to the General Court, Feb., 1785.*]

Humbly sheweth

The Wardens of the Parish of Queen's Chapel in Portsmouth in said State in behalf of the Parishioners

That it hath been the constant practice of said Parish to tax the pews in said Chapel & the polls of the parishioners for the Support of the Ministry, repairs of the Church and other Expences of the Parish—that many of the Owners of pews in said Chapel have been greatly delinquent in the payment of the parish Taxes and some of the parishioners have been obliged to advance considerable Sums more than their proportions of the necessary Expences of said parish, that the said parish conceiving this an unreasonable Burthen have voted that their Church Wardens petition your honors that your honors would be pleased to pass an Act to enable and impower the Church Wardens for the time being to make sale of the pews of the Owners who are delinquent as aforesaid for the payment of their

Taxes now in Arrear and unpaid & for any Delinquency that may be hereafter and your petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray, &c—

Geo: Jaffrey } Church
Geo: Turner } Wardens

Portsmouth October 17th 1785—

[The foregoing petition was granted by an act passed March 2, 1786.—ED.]

[9-138] [*Relative to the laying out of a Road: addressed to the General Court, June, 1786.*]

Humbly shew the subscribers, Selectmen of Portsmouth in the county of Rockingham & State afores^d in behalf of the inhabitants of said Portsmouth, that Willam Weeks, Ephraim Pickering & Joseph Dow, Esquires, as a Committee appointed by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for said County to lay out a road from that which runs by Rye Meeting House to Long Lane so called, did on the 5th day of May 1784 lay out and make return of the same in the following words viz. “We y^r subscribers appointed by the hon^{ble} Court of General Sessions of the peace to lay out a road from that, which runs by Rye Meeting House to Long Lane, so called, have done the same in the following manner viz Beginning at the Southeast corner of land of Samuel Rand and Benjamin Marden. thence running on the Easterly Side of said Land, North about 31 degrees west 80 rods, thence North 15 degrees west through a corner of Samuel Dowse Foss’s land, leaving as much off a corner of said Rand and Marden’s land into s^d Foss’s land on this point 11 rods—to be fenced by the Parish of Rye, thence Northwest about 40 degrees 180 rods to Portsmouth Line—which road we have laid out two rods wide and have estimated the land being two acres and twenty two rods at ten pounds ten shillings to be paid to y^e said Rand and Marden by the Parish of Rye—the removing and building 171 rods of fence to be done and paid by the said Parish of Rye—From the said Portsmouth Line we proceeded North about 47 degrees West on the Easterly side of Mark Lang’s land 173½ rods, thence on the same course on the Easterly Side of Sherburne’s land 121 rods to the said Long Lane road—It appeared to us, that, there was a privilege of a road three rods wide from said Long Lane to Newcastle and Portsmouth Line, nearly in the same place where we have laid out said road, and we have Estimated the making 173½ rods of Fence at thirty pounds to be paid to M^r Mark Lang by the Town of Portsmouth and the making of 121 rods of fence at

twenty one pounds three shillings to be paid to said Sherburne by said town of Portsmouth—Your petitioners further shew ; that said Committee did by mistake report that they had laid out said road from Portsmouth to Newcastle Line on the Easterly Side afs^d Lang's and Sherburne's lands, when the s^d ancient road does not run thro' their lands, but thro' the lands belonging to other persons, said Committee did also awarde large damage to said Lang and Sherburne to compensate them for making the number of rods mentioned in s^d report when in fact their fences then stood on the Westerly bounds of said ancient Road, that running by the westerly side of their lands, which Road your petitioners, conceiving to be laid out as it was anciently reserved for that purpose, have actually laid open and expended large sums of money in making the same passable, which must be entirely lost and the public greatly injured unless y^e road as actually opened and made as afores^d should be established, Wherefore they in behalf of s^d Inhabitants, pray, that the return of the said Committee, so far as it respects the laying out of s^d road by them thro' said Portsmouth and the proceedings of the General Sessions afores^d thereon may be vacated and nullified, and that your petitioners may be enabled to get the s^d ancient Road established as the law directs, and they as in duty bound will ever pray &c

John Noble	} Selectmen of Portsm ^o
John Sparhawk	
W ^m Gardner	

[In H. of Rep., Jan. 4, 1787, the petitioners were granted leave to bring in a bill.]

[9-139] [*Relative to Duties on Imported Goods: addressed to the General Court, June, 1787.*]

Humbly shew the subscribers, that they have been taxed in common with the other subjects of the State towards the support of government, which they have always chearfully paid—besides which your petitioners being concerned in trade & navigation have been and are subjected to a heavy impost duty on articles imported by them in the necessary course of their business—Which additional tax while trade was in a less embarrassed condition & when received by the Impost-Officer in orders on the Treasurer of the State, was more tolerable—but the increasing distress, nay almost destruction of our commerce, and the unreasonable denial of the Impost-Officer to take in payment of the duties, orders on the Treasurer, have rendered the payment thereof impracticable, Your Petitioners would humbly

suggest, that while they are deprived by law of the means of compelling their debtors to pay in Specie, and while the public neglect to pay, or refuse to receive their own orders in favor of the subject, for public duties it must be impossible for your petitioners to pay the same, and therefore unreasonable in the public to exact or expect the payment thereof. Your Petitioners cannot investigate the reasons, why some orders on the Treasurer should be received by the Impost-Officer and others rejected—why some subjects are indulged to pay in Facilities and others compelled to pay in Specie, Were the Legislature to decline receiving for such duties such orders it would (your Petitioners fear) in the present exhausted condition of the State-Treasury, and critical situation of government give the finishing blow to public credit, and prove a strong temptation to smuggling—Wherefore your petitioners pray that the Impost-Officer may be directed to receive in payment of any Impost duties, any such orders, or that the Legislature in their wisdom and justice would otherwise redress the grievance under which your petitioners labor, and they as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Neil McIntire	Alexander Ewen	Peter Pearse
Elip ^t Ladd	Sam ^l Storer	A R Cutter
Samuel Hill	Abel Harris	Nath ^l Folsom
Thomas Sheafe	Moses Woodward	Aaron Hill
James Sheafe	Peter Coues	Edmund H Quincy
W ^m Sheafe	Tim ^y Mountford	W Gardner
Nath ^l Adams	Robert White	Benjamin Slade
Rich ^d Champney	Richard Tibbets	Sam ^l Chamberlain
Hall Jackson	Jon ^a Hamilton	Rob ^t Gerrish
Jacob Sheafe	J ^{no} Sheafe	George Dorey
Jacob Sheafe junr	Joseph Champney	Robert Parker
Clement Storer	Reuben Shapley	Samuel Fernald
Jos: Haven	John Goddard	John Salter
Dan ^l R Rogers	Reuben Billings	Stephen Chase
Nath ^l A. Haven	Supply Clap	Samuel Haven Ju
Francis Borland	Th ^o Martin	Benj ^a Dearborn

To lay

[9-140] [*Petition to have imported Books exempted from Duties: addressed to the General Court, 1787.*]

The memorial of Nathaniel Adams in behalf of the Proprietors of the Portsmouth Library humbly shews that said Proprietors have at a great expence, for the purpose of promoting learning and knowledge laid the foundation of a Publick Library, to which they are continually making additions by the im-

portation of the works of the latest and most celebrated Authors, but they find themselves subjected to the additional expense of the Impost upon all their importations, which they conclude was not the intention of the legislature to lay upon a matter so generally advantageous to the Community

They therefore pray the hon^{ble} Legislature to take the matter into their wise consideration and to remit the impost upon the books which may be imported by said Proprietors for said Library, and as in duty bound will ever pray—

Nath^l Adams for said Proprietors

Portsm^o Dec^r 14th 1787

[9-141] [*Selectmen's Petition for Authority to raise Money by Lottery to build a Market-House: addressed to the General Court, 1790.*]

The petition of the subscribers selectmen of the town of Portsmouth—

Sheweth that your petitioners were empowered by a vote of the town of Portsm^o in March last to apply to the General court for a lottery for the purpose of erecting a market house in said town—as the tickets in this case would be principally disposed of among the inhabitants and as the town cannot conveniently raise the money in any other mode and it being equally beneficial to the adjacent country as to said town—

They therefore pray the hon^{ble} court to grant them permission to raise a sum not exceeding nine hundred pounds for the purpose of building said market house & that the select men & assessors be the managers of said lottery—

Portsmouth June 1790

The assessors are

Daniel Rindge	} Esq ^r
Tho ^s Martin	
Aaron Hill	
John Noble	
A R Cutter	

Woodbury Langdon	} Selectmen
John Peirce	
Jeremiah Libbey	
James Sheafe	

[9-143] [*Petition for the Incorporation of the First Parish: addressed to the General Court, 1791.*]

The Petition of the Subscribers Wardens of the first Parish in Portsmouth in said State humbly sheweth—

That the Parishioners of said Parish at their late Meeting taking into consideration the state of their parochial affairs & not finding themselves legally empowered to transact some of their most important & necessary business, did by their Vote Authorize & direct the Wardens of said Parish to petition your Honors “that said Parish might be incorporated by the Name of the first (or North) Parish in Portsmouth.” Your Petitioners therefore in compliance with said direction do, in behalf of s^d Parishioners, humbly request that an Act may be passed investing s^d Parish with all the rights & Privileges belonging to an incorporated Society—

And as in duty bound pray

Geo Gains
Elisha Hill
John Goddard

[In H. of Rep., June 3, 1791, the prayer of the petition was granted, and the parish was incorporated June 15, 1791.—ED.]

[9-146] [*Petition for an Incorporation of the Episcopal Church: addressed to the General Court, 1791.*]

Humbly shew the Subscribers, Church Wardens of the Episcopal Church in Portsmouth, that the society or episcopal parish aforesaid labour under many inconveniences for want of a legal incorporation;

Wherefore they pray in behalf of said Society that your Honors would by law incorporate said society into a body corporate and politick by the name of Christs Church in Portsmouth with all the privileges and immunities necessary or incident to a religious parish or society, to enable them to hold said church, church yard and lands purchased by said parish and grants or endowments that have been heretofore or may be hereafter made the same, And in the name of the Church Wardens of said Parish for the time being to sue for demand and recover, any real or personal property belonging to said parish, of any person whomsoever who hath illegally possessed or may hereafter possess himself thereof. And also to change or alter

the name of said Church from Queen's chapel to Christ's Church

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray

Portsmouth Feb^y 5th 1791

Geo: Turner	} Church
Tho ^a Thompson	

[The church was incorporated February 11, 1791, and the name changed from Queen's chapel to St. John's church.—Ed.]

[9-147] [*Universalist Society for Incorporation, 1793.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State afores^d Proprietors and Owners of a certain piece of land situate in said Portsmouth with the building thereon, called and known by the name of the Universalist-Meeting-House, Humbly shew—That your Petitioners being desirous of becoming a body-corporate for the purpose of assessing and levying taxes from time to time for the sole purpose of repairing said building and appurtenances whenever they may deem it necessary, humbly pray that your Honors would pass an Act for the above sole purpose, and Incorporate them by the name of The Universalist society, granting them thereby all and every power necessary therefor and your petitioners as in Duty bound, will ever pray—

Portsmouth 31st May 1793—

Rendal Fernald	George Hart	Abner Blasdel
Peter Pearse	Nathaniel Meleher	Alexander Ewen
John Wendell Jun ^r	Jeremiah Libbey	Richard Jackson
Dan ^l R. Rogers	Peter Coues	Thomas Simes
W ^m Plaisted	George Massey	James Grouard
Moses Woodward	George Wentworth	Martin Parry
J. Sheafe	Jon ^a M Sewall	
John Cutt	Daniel Rindge	

[This petition was granted June 10, 1793.—Ed.]

[9-148] [*Petition for Authority to build a Bridge over Sagamore Creek: addressed to the General Court, Dec. 18, 1797.*]

We the subscribers, inhabitants of Portsmouth and Rye in said state, humbly shew that were a bridge erected over Saga-

more creek from Portsmo^t to Rye near Benj Lear's house it would shorten the travel & facilitate the communication between said Towns & be of public utility Wherefore we pray that liberty be granted us to build and maintain a bridge there by Subscription; & as in duty bound will ever pray &c—

Edward Sargent	Billy Rand	Jeremiah Berry
Geo. Turner	Samuel Rand	Jonathan Hobbs
Benj Morrell	Nath ^l Rand	William Marden
William Seavey	Joseph L Seavey	Joseph Lock
Joseph Brown	Amos S Parsons	Nathaniel Marden
William Seavey Ju ^r	John Webster	Josiah Webster
James Seavey	Daniel Mason	Rich ^d Webster
John Seavey	Paul Seavey	Samuel Rand
James Seavey ju	Joseph Rand	Joshua Brackett
John Foy	Alexander Salter	Edward Sargent
John Foy Ju	John Salter	Abner Blaisdel
Levi Dearborne	John Carrol	Jacob Sheafe
Samuel Wallis	Joses Philbrick	Isaac Waldron Jr
William Berry	Levi Berry	A R Cutter
Titus Salter		

[In H. of Rep., Dec. 19, 1797, the foregoing petition was granted.—ED.]

[9-149] [*Piscataqua Bridge, Cost and Revenue, 1798.*]

This may Certify That the following Statement is a true Extract from the Accounts and books of the Treasurer of Piscataqua Bridge from which it Appears the nett income of the Bridge does not much exceed two per centum p^r Annum—whenever it shall need repairs the devidend to the Proprietors of course will be greatly diminished,—altho the Bridge is of great public utility—it is now and probably will continue to be to the proprietors a very Unproductive property.

	Dollars.	Cents.
The first Cost of Piscataqua Bridge	65947	34
Toll Collected from the Bridge from Nov ^r 25 th 1794 the Commencement thereof to Nov ^r 25 th 1798 is 4 years	8181	75
Expences on the Bridge since it began to receive Toll, in building a new draw, pay of toll Collect- ors & sundry necessary repairs and additions (with- out any charge by the Managers for their service or the Treasurer for receiving and paying the Div- idends)	2812	31

4 Years Nett income being	5369	.44
One Years being one fourth	1342	.36
Interest on the first Cost of 65947.34 Cents at 2 per cent is for one Year	1318	.95
Portsmouth Dec 12, 1798.		

Th^o Martin Treasurer

Sworn to before R. Cutts Shannon.

[9-150] [*Petition for Incorporation of an Aqueduct: addressed to the General Court, 1797.*]

The Petitioners, Inhabitants of said Portsmouth, Humbly shew:—

That they conceive an Aqueduct for the purpose of watering said Town might be a lasting conveniency to the Inhabitants, and in case of fires would prove a great public benefit; And that the only water that could be applied to that purpose is more than two & one half Miles distant, and that from the Nature of the Ground through which the Aqueduct must pass, being a considerable part of it low marsh & Rockey or Ledge Land, it would necessarily be attended with great expence; They therefore pray that they & such others as may hereafter be interested in it may be incorporated with the exclusive Right and full powers to Effect the purposes aforesaid, & to continue in succession, to them & their heirs and Assigns forever,—and they as in duty bound shall ever pray.—

November 27th 1797

Samuel Hill	Nath ^l A Haven	Thomas Chadbourn
James Sheafe	John Goddard	William Boys
Joseph Whipple	Jon ^a Clark	Dan ^l R Rogers
Jn ^o S Sherburne	Elip ^l Ladd	Reuben Shapley
Joshua Brackett	John Peirce	John Fisher
A R Cutter	Daniel Rindge	Sam ^l Drowne

[The Portsmouth Aqueduct was incorporated Dec. 19, 1797.—ED.]

[*Petition of St. John's Lodge, F. and A. M., for an Incorporation, 1799.*]

TO THE HONORABLE, THE GENERAL COURT, of the STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE convened at Exeter, on the first Wednesday of December in the year of Light 5799.

Humbly shew the MASTER, WARDENS and MEMBERS of *St. John's Lodge in Portsmouth*. That in pursuance of their

sublime institution, which was, for the promoting brotherly love, peace, and good will among mankind, and relief of all distressed brethren; they have raised a small fund, which they are desirous of so securing, that the proceeds may be appropriated for such laudable purposes. They are also desirous of erecting a suitable building for the accommodation of said Lodge at their orderly meetings. But without the aid of this Honorable Legislature, they are unable to secure said fund, or erect such building. They therefore pray your Honors, to grant them an act of incorporation, under such restrictions and limitations as your Honors may deem expedient. They would further observe to this Honorable Legislature, that from a perfect sense of the purity of the institution, (which is well known to many of your Honors as Masons) and of their honest intentions in this application, and a firm belief in the candour, discernment, and good intentions of your Honors, they have the fullest confidence, that no unworthy prejudice can be harboured against them. They therefore now, and will ever, as is their bounden duty as Men, and Masons, to do, most humbly pray the *Grand Architect* of the Universe, that He, would take your honorable Court under his holy protection, and that finally, as a band of Brothers "made perfect" thro' the working of his divine favour, we may all meet upon a level in the *Grand Lodge* of "perfect bliss," under the "Arch of perfect knowledge," where the "word," which was from the beginning, shall be the "Star of light," as a sign, and token, to guide us to joy forevermore.—

From the East of S^t John's Lodge

November 15th A. L. 5799.

Nath^l Adams, G. Master of Masons in Newhamshire

Tho : thompson deputy G. M.

Clement Storer—S. G. W.

Edw^d S^t Loe Livermore

John M^cClintock Master.

Joseph Willard, } Wardens.
Samuel Larkin— }

Edward J. Long

Abraham Isaac

N. Folsom

John Adams

James Hill

Charles Chauncy

John Melcher

W^m Furness.

Charles Treadwell

Josiah Dwight

William Vaughan

Tho^s Manning

Elijah Hall

William Boyd

Nath^l Dean

Jn^o Underwood

Theodore Furber

Sam^l Adams

Jon^a Clark

And^w Halliburton

James Anise

Jeremiah Hart

John C : Payson

R : Cutts Shannon

George Nutter	William Stavers	Joseph Seaward
Elisha Low	Ward Gilman	Ob Lang J ^r
N: Rousselet.	Charles Blunt	John Salter
Clem ^t Jackson	M S Blunt	Samuel Hill
Moses Woodward	Reuben Shapley	Alexander Ewen
George Wentworth	John Boadge	Edward Sargent
Dan ^l Cutter	George Plaisted	Woodbury Langdon
Alex ^r Laing	Samuel Sherburne	Rich ^d Billings
Will ^m Rice	Richard Evans	
Isaac Waldron Jr	Elip ^t Ladd	

[The foregoing petition contains the names of some of the most prominent men of that time. The penmanship in the original is very fine, and men who can produce its equal are scarce. It was considered by the legislature December 10, 1799, and the petitioners were granted leave to bring in a bill. The lodge, however, was not incorporated until June 22, 1821.—ED.]

RAYMOND.

The territory in this town was purchased of an Indian, by Col. Stephen Dudley, in 1717, and went by the name of Freetown.

Col. Dudley was a resident of Exeter prior to this purchase, and was commissioned, Aug. 17, 1717, "Town Major of Freetown," by Gov. Samuel Shute. Freetown was included in the township of Chester on the incorporation of that town, Aug. 27, 1726, and so remained until May 9, 1764, at which time it was set off and incorporated as a parish by the name of Raymond, with full town privileges. At a town-meeting in Chester, held Jan. 26, 1763, the inhabitants gave their consent to the separation, and to the incorporation of Raymond.

The first town-meeting was called by Samuel Emerson, and held May 29, 1764.

By an act passed June 23, 1848, the boundary line between this town and Candia was established.

Among the Revolutionary soldiers from Raymond were the following :

Seth Rice, age 28, Col. Cilley's 1st N. H. Reg't.
 William Towle, age 35, Col. Nathan Hale's, 2d N. H. Batt.
 Jona. Fullonton, age 19, " "
 Joseph Fullonton, age 17, " "
 Theo's Lovering, age 18, " "
 Ithiel Gordon, age 18, " "
 Ezekiel Pollard of R., enlisted Feb. 26, 1778, for Epping.

[9-151] [*Relative to locating a Meeting-House, 1768: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

The humble Petition of the Subscribers Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Parish of Raymond in said Province Sheweth

That the said Parish was incorporated in May A D 1764 and have ever since been destitute of a Meeting house for the Public Worship of God in said Parish

That the Parishoners cannot agree where to set a Meeting-house altho they have had sundry meetings for that purpose but the major part of the Inhabitants living in the Northeasterly part of said Parish have voted to set the Meetinghouse about a Mile from the northeasterly side line of said Parish which will greatly discommode many of the Inhabitants of the upper part of said Parish which is likely in a Short Time to be the best part of said Parish

That your Petitioners humbly conceive that if the Meeting-house was to be placed as near the Center of the Parish as possible it wou'd accommodate all the Inhabitants that now are or hereafter may be settled there And as some of your Petitioners live almost five Miles from the place proposed & voted to set the said House which is to your Petitioners a great Greivance and if so done will be to them a heavy Burthen—

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray the interposition of your Excellency and Honors in this matter & that a disinterested Committee may be appointed to view the said Parish & report where they shall think most proper for said House to stand to accommodate the Inhabitants in the best manner and that such Report may be established or that your Petitioners may be otherwise releived in such way & manner as your Excellency and Honors in your Wisdom shall see fit

And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall pray &c

Raymond Octo^r 1768

David Lane
 Obadiah Griffin
 Daniel Clay

Jonas Clay
 Ephraim Currier
 Alexander Smith

Samuel Brown
 John Wells
 Stephen Gale

Jonathan Palmer	Joseph Giles jun ^r	James Bean
James Crow	Clement Dollaf	Benj ^a Prescut
Ezekiel Lane	John Leavit jun ^r	Nicholas Gilman
Daniel Lord	John Leavit	Stephen Dudley
Ezekiel Morse	Gilman Dudley	Joseph Smith
William Todd	William S Healy	Samuel Cram
Samuel Healy	Dan ^t Richardson	Alex ^r M ^c Lane
Jonathan Palmer	Christ ^r Richardson	John Sweat
jun ^r	John Hams	
Joseph Giles	Stephen Thirston	

[In H. of Rep., Oct. 28, 1768, "The Parties being heard upon this petition and agreeing upon a Committee to be appointed. Voted that John Webster Col^o Ebenezer Stevens Esq^r and Capt Eliphalet Merrill be a committee for the purpose mentioned." The following is their report :—ED.]

Province of New Hamp^s Nov. 11th 1768, pursuant to the foregoing vote, we have viewed the said Parish, & agree to report that we think the Site of a meetinghouse at the westerly end of the Lot No. 37, Laid out to Samuel Shaw, at a place called Sled Hill, will best accommodate said Parish—which is humbly submitted by

John Webster	} Committee
Eben ^r Stevens	
Eliphalet Merrill	

[A beginning was made at this place, and at other places at various times, but no meeting-house was completed for use until 1786.—ED.]

[9-152] [*Vote of Town relative to locating the Meeting-house, 1769 and 1770.*]

Att a Legal Meeting held at the house of Lieut Benj^a Beans in Raymond on monday the 3^d Day of July 1769

1^{ly} John Dudley Esq^r Chosen Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} Put to vote to see if the Parish will Set the meeting house where the Committee from Court had fixed it before, a Despute a Rose and a poll Demand and granted and it Passed in the firmetive

a True Coppy

Jon^a Swain Parish Clerk

[9-154]

Att a Legal Meeting held at the house of Lieut Benj^a Beans in Raymond on monday the 5th of march 1770—

a mongest other things: Put to vote to See if the Parish will Chuse a Committee to build the meeting house in said Parish where the Committee from the genral Court had Purfixed it and it Pased in the negative—

Raymond march the 7th 1770—

a True Copy Test Jon^a Swain Perish Clerk—

[9-154] [*Relative to the Election of Representative: addressed to the H. of Rep., April 7, 1774.*]

The humble Complaint and Petition of the Subscribers Select men of the parish of Candia in the township of Chester in said Province for and in behalf of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of said Parish of Candia, And also the Selectmen of the Parish of Raymond in said Township of Chester for and in behalf of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of said Parish of Raymond

Most Humbly Sheweth—

That the said Freeholders and Inhabitants of Candia and Raymond humbly Conceive that they have a Legal Right to vote in the Choice or Election of a Representative to represent them in the General Assembly of this Province, that they Usually were Notified to Attend and vote in such Elections, at the Town of Chester Joyntly with the Freeholders and Inhabitants of said Town of Chester—

That the Freeholders of said town of Chester on the Fourth day of April Instant Met at said Chester and Elected John Webster Esq^r to represent them in this present General Assembly, without giving notice to the Freeholders of Either of the said Parishes of Raymond or Candia to Meet and Join with them in that Election, whereby the Freeholders of the Parishes conceive they are deprived of the priviledge of being Represented in any manner in the said General Assembly, and that the said Election of the said John Webster is Illegal—Wherefore your petitioners Pray that your honours will declare the said Election Void, and order a New Election, or otherwise relieve your petitioners in such way and manner as your honours in your Great Wisdom shall see fit, and your Petitioners shall ever pray &c

Moses Baker for himself & Abr ^m Fitts & Walter Robie	}	Selectman of Candia
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John Dudley for himself & Ebenezer Cram & Thomas Gorden	}	Selectman of Raymond
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[In H. of Rep., May 12, 1774, the election was declared illegal, "set aside," and a precept ordered to be issued for a new election.—ED.]

[R. 3-184] [*Supplies to Soldiers.*]

An Account of what is Ben paid to the Soldiers for the year 1782 that Listed into the Contenelt Service Dureing the ware by this parish of Raymond

William Towle Dr [items omitted]	£14.11.5
Eliph ^t Gorden Wife Dr	£ 4. 6.8
James Wells Dr To Cash	£ 4.16.0
Francis Hodgkins	} Selectmen of Raymond
Elisha Towle	
John Fullonton	

[Sworn before John Dudley.]

January 24—1783 Serg^t William Towle have Received fourteen pounds eleven shillin & five pence according to the within acc^t

William Towle

[R. 3-185]

This may Certify to all whome it may Concern that Judith Wormwood the wife of William Wormwood, was the wife of nehemiah Leavitt, late of Raymond Decs^t.

Dated at Raymond September 10th 1792

pr. Jona. Swain Just Peace
Levi Swain Select man

[9-155] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire Rockingham ss

Raymond Dec^r 10th 1783—

Pursuant to Orders from the Generall Court of this State we have Numbered all the Polls That is Twenty one years of age & upward paying Tax for them Selves and Do find them to be one hundred and seventeen

Sam ^l Nay	} Select Men of Raymond
Thomas Gorden	
Matthias Haines	

[Sworn to before John Dudley, justice of the peace.]

[9-156] [*Samuel Nay recommended for J. P., 1785.*]

To The Hon^l President & Counsel We the Subscribers recommend that Sam^l Nay of Raymond in the County of Rockingham might have the Commissⁿ of a Justice a peice & we think very Sutable person as witness our hands State of Newhampshire Raymond Aug^t 29: 1785

Thomas Bean	Joseph Dudley Ju ^r	caleb smith ju ^r
Rich ^d Robinson	Caleb Smith	Thomas Gorden
John folsom	Nath ^l Dudley	Josiah meloon
Daniel Todd	John Stevens	James Merrill
Jeremiah Holman	Reuben Tilton	Levi Brown
William Towl	Alexander Smith	Joseph Clifford
Benj ^a cram	Samuel Chapman	John Fullonton
John Osgood	Daniel moody	Samuel Cram Ju ^r
Francis Hodgkins	Jeremiah Conner	Jacob Lane
Timothy osgood	Isaack Smith	Ebenezer Page
Josiah Fogg	Theophilus Loverin	John Gilden
Josiah Robinson	Elisha Towle	Joseph Gliden
Ebenezer Prescut	Simon Page	Daniel Loverin

[Nathaniel Dudley was appointed J. P. Feb. 20, 1786.—
ED.]

RICHMOND.

The township was granted February 28, 1752, to Joseph Blanchard and others, in 71 shares.

In 1760, the grantees having represented that in consequence of trouble with the Indians they had been unable to comply with the conditions of the grant, an extension was granted "until His Majesty's Plenary Instructions shall be received." This extension was granted by the governor and council June 11, 1760.

By the grant above mentioned, Richmond territory extended as far north as the north-east corner of Swanzey, there running to a peak. This triangular tract, with a base on Swanzey south line of $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles and 40 rods, was severed from Richmond and annexed to Swanzey December 11, 1762.

Another portion of the town was taken off June 23, 1815, combined with portions of Marlborough, Fitzwilliam, and Swanzey, and incorporated into the town of Troy.

By an act approved July 2, 1850, the north-west corner of the town was annexed to Winchester.

Richmond men in 1st N. H. Reg't, Revolution :

Thomas Powers, enl'd Jan. 1, 1777, dis. Dec., 1781.

Corp'l Abner Powers, enl'd Feb. 13, 1777, dis. Dec., 1781.

Noah Porter, enl'd Jan. 1, 1778, dis. Dec., 1780.

Lemuel Rice, enl'd Feb. 14, 1778, dis. Dec., 1781.

Wm. Taggart, enl'd Feb. 4, 1778, dis. Dec., 1781.

Lewis Wisco, enl'd Jan. 1, 1777, dis. Sept., 1781.

Thomas Hunt, enl'd Feb. 1, 1778, dis. Dec., 1781.

[Rev. Pap. p. 295.] [*Soldiers mustered, 1778.*]

Walpole february 13th 1778.

this is to Sartifie the town of Richmond that Rufus Whippel hath got mustered thirteen men for the town of Richmond to sarve two years in the Conental Sarvis

Joseph Powers	£74	Nathanel Powers	£74
peleg Williams Lieut		Abner Powers	74
Jon ^a Willard Ens		John Symonds	74
John Withy	70	Noah Porter	70
Lewis Wisco	70	John Smith	70
James Wier	70	thomas Stuart	70
Jeams Merrill	70	William tagart	70

[9-157] [*Joseph Blanchard's Plan of Richmond.*]

The Plan Describes a Tract of Land of the Contents of Six miles Square (Lying between the places Called Winchester and Ashuelot and the montanous Land.) Bounded Thus it Begins at the South East Corner thereof at a Beach tree that Stands in the Province line, thence runing in that Line North 80^{ds} West five miles and an half to Winchester Line (so Called) bounded there by a Beach tree and from thence North by the needle in S^d Winchester line five miles and an half to a Stake and Stones the Corner of Winchester in Ashulot line, thence South Seventy Eight degrees East two miles to a Red Oake the Corner of Ashuelot from thence North 39^{ds} East by Ashuelot line Seven miles to a maple tree marked from thence South Six degrees West Six miles One Hundred and Thirty rods to a Beach tree marked from thence South by the Needle five miles to the first Bounds mentioned with An Allowance for One Rod

in forty to be taken out for Wind Falls unevenness, &c : measured With the Assistance of Peter Powers & Josiah Brown, as Chainmen Who were Sworne to the faithfull discharge of that Trust. All the afores^d Lines Run & marked in December 1752—

Joseph Blanchard Jun^r Surveyer

[The plan is a simple outline, with points of compass and distances.—ED.]

[9-158]

[*Richmond Proprietors.*]

Joseph Blanchard	Temple Kendall	Jonathan Cumings
Charity Lund	Stephen Chase	Jonathan Cumings
Zacheus Lovewell	John Searles	Jun ^r
Joseph Winn Jun ^r	Jonathan Snow	Phinehas Under-
Peter Powers	Ephraim Adams	wood
John Marshall	John Butterfield	John Usher
Joseph Winn	William Cumings	Joel Dix
Joseph French	Jun ^r	Joseph Read
Joseph Barns	Elnathan Blood	Eleaz ^r Read
William Cumings	Sampson French	Daniel Rindge
Daniel Emerson	Benjamin Parker	Samuel Greele
Samuel Kenny	Benjamin French	Benj ^a Whittemore
Samuel Cumings	Eleaz ^r Blanchard	John Coombs
John Chamberlain	Joseph Blanchard	John Brown
Josiah Brown	Jun ^r	John Hunt
Peter Powers Jun ^r	Thomas Blanchard	Joseph Ashley
Thomas Harwood	Gideon Honey	Elijah Alexander
Samuel Greele Jun ^r	Jonathan Chamber-	John Rindge
Samuel Farley	lain	Joseph Blodget
Thomas Colburn	Jonathan Parker	William Lund Jun ^r
Stephen Powers	Thomas Parker Jun ^r	Robert Usher
John Lovewell Jun ^r	William Parker	

- 1 First Minister
 - 2 Glebe for the Church of England
 - 3 Society for propagating the Gospel in Foreign parts.
 - 4 Coll^o Atkinson
 - 5 Richard Wibird
 - 6 Coll^o Downing
 - 7 Coll^o Smith
 - 8 Sampson Sheaff
 - 9 J Wentworth
 - 11 500 Acres to the Governor to be laid out together
 - 1 Tract Containing 500 acres to be accounted as two of the within mentioned Sixty Shares
- pray that the town may have a Short name

[9-159] [*Justice of the Peace chosen, 1776.*]

A Return of A Leagal Town meeting Held in Richmond in the Colony of New Hampshire on the 15th Day of July Last—
 firstly Chose A moderater to govern said meeting then
 Voted and made Choice of Lieu^t Henry Ingalls for a Justice of peace

Attest Henry Ingalls Town Clerk

August y^e 2nd AD 1776

Daniel Read }
 John Danly } Select men

[9-160] [*Change of Date of Annual Meeting asked for, 1779.*]

state of New Hampshire

To the Honnarable Councel and house of Representatives Con-
 vend at Exetor in said state

the prayer of your Humble petitioners sheweth that at our Last annual march meeting the town of Richmond voted pettion your Honors would take it unto your wise Consideration and grant us the previledge to Hold our anual meeting on the first munday of march Annually as the Last wednesday in march is in the season of the year that wee make shuger as your Humble petitioners in Duty Bound shall Ever pray in Behalf of the town

Richmond October y^e 20th 1779

Henry Ingalls Town Clerk

[The foregoing petition was granted November 16, 1779, and the annual meeting thereafter was to be held on the first Monday in March.—ED.]

[R. 3-186] [*Allowances to Soldiers, 1778.*]

[In H. of Rep., August 20, 1778, Jane Hix was allowed £4, 11, 8 for the funeral expenses of her husband. Bernard Hix, who died in the service. He was in Capt. Nehemiah Houghton's Co., Baldwin's Reg't, in 1776. Senate concurred.—ED.]

[R. 3-188] [In H. of Rep., November 12, 1778, Eleazer Martin, of Capt. Ellis's Co., Scammel's Reg't, who was

wounded near Saratoga, September 19, 1777, was allowed £6, 4 for doctor's bill, and ordered to be entered on the roll for half pay. Senate concurred.—ED.]

[R. 3-189] [Stephen Harris was allowed £20, 9, 4 for doctor's bills, etc., for his son Joseph, a soldier in Capt. Jones's Co., Col. James Reed's Reg't, who was left sick or wounded "on the march from Ticonderoga to the Jerseys." —ED.]

[R. 3-190] [*Soldier's Order, 1785.*]

Richmond Jany. 27th 1785.

To the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire

Sir. Please to pay Dan^l Cook or order all that is due to my late Brother John Smith, who was a soldier for the Town of Richmond in the 2^d New Hampshire Regiment & was drowned in Nov^r 1781.

Attest—Value Received, Witness my hand

Samuel Smith

[Moses Smith, town-clerk, certifies that Samuel is brother, and sole heir, to the said John.—ED.]

[R. 3-191] [This document is a memorial from Abner Powers, stating that he remained in the service until May 15, 1782, and explaining why he then left without a proper discharge.—ED.]

[9-162] [*Oliver Capron for a Magistrate, 1782.*]

The Prayer of us the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Richmond in Said State Humbly Shews that since the Difficulty subsisted on account of a Number of People Calling themselves of a New State Called Vermont the Town of Richmond hath Laboured under many Inconveniences by Reason of having no Justice of the piece in the town; these are therefore Humbly to Inform the Honourable Court that Major Oliver Capron is a man of an Established good Charctor in this and the Towns Round where He is acquainted and that he is a man that has Ever been firm for the Government of New-Hampshire against the userpation of Vermont and we Humbly Concieve a man Every way accomplished and Capable of performing the

business and trust of a Justice of the piece and that it will be of public benefit that he may be appointed accordingly these are therefore Humbly to pray the Honourable Court to Inquire into the affair and act thereon as you in wisdom Shall think proper and as in Duty bound Shall Ever pray

September the third 1782

Barnabas Thresher
Benjamin Thresher
Tho^s Dillingham
Jeremiah Thayer
Jeremiah Thayer Jun^r
Nehemiah Thayer
Alles Thayer

Moses Cooley
James Kingsley
Will^m Goddard
Jon : Atherton
peter holbrook
Othniel Day

[9-161] [*Instructions to Representative, 1786.*]

At a Legal town meeting held in Richmond the 31st Day of August Last voted to give our Representative the following Instructions to motion to the general Cort at the Next Seting first to not grant the Requisition of Congress at present second to Receive final settlements at six shillings and Eight pence on the pound untill the fiftenth Day of December next for all outstanding taxes third to Call in all publick securitys Drawing Interest that was Issued by this state and Cut them into Certifycats and said Certifycats to pay all state County & town taxes and to pay all Executions or to make paper money to Redcem said securitys and to answer the purposes above said

Richmond September 4th AD 1786

Henry Ingalls Town Clerk

[9-163] [*Henry Ingalls for a Magistrate, 1785.*]

The Prayr of your Humble Petitioners of the town of Richmond in the County of Cheshire and State above Said is that Henry Ingalls of Said Richmond may be appointed and Com-missioned a Justice of the Peace as he the said Ingalls has formerly Served in that office to the good Satisfaction of the town and County and as Colonel Capron is already appointed a Justice of the peace in Said Town and living in one corner of Said town it is very Ill Convenient for the people in general in said Town that have Business to Do Before a Justice of the Peace to apply to him and Said Ingalls Liveing near the middle of Said town and on a Large Road we your humble Petitioners Do

think it would be Greatly to the advantage of Said Town to have him appointed

As we are in Duty Bound to Pray

Richmond october the 1st AD 1785

Samuel Gaskell	Peter Martin	Ebenezer Swan
Ezra Allen	Luck Cass	John Bates
Gideon mann	Paul Handy	Paul Aldrich
Oliver Mason	Joseph wing	Moses Martin
Jacob Bump	Moses Buffum	Jonathan Cass
Stephen gaillson	Hezekiah Thurber	Esek Buffum
Jems Ballou	Nathan Wooley	Annias Aldrich
Jems wescot	Gideon mann Jun'r	Nathaniel Aldrich
William Cook	Amos Boorn	Nathan Aldrich
Nicholas Cook	Nathan Ballou	Anthony Sweet
Ebenezer Peters	Nathan Bowen	Jonathan Sweet
Isaac Benson	Nathan wescot	Juner
Aaron Aldrich	Gorge gaillson	James Cook
Solomon Aldrich	John Bolles	
Royal Aldrich	George martin	

[9-164] [*Petition for Henry Ingalls, 1785.*]

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Richmond in the County of Cheshire. Humbly Sheweth, that when the Late Constitution took Place Henrey Ingalls Esq^r was Not Reappointed we your Petitioners humbly Pray that the Said Henrey Ingalls may be Reappointed and duely ortherrised to act as A Justice of the Peace for the County aforSaid. for that wee your Petitioners Humbly Conserve that he is a man agreeably Qualified for that Important Service and Lives near the Senter of Publick Business for the town, and also Sutes the maners and Costums of the People. and your Petitioners Humbly Submits this Petition to your Exelancies Grace Beleving your Exelancey in your Grate wisdom will do the thing that is Right as wee in duty Bound will Ever Pray—

Richmond October 10th AD: 1785

Daniel Read	John Bools	Cadis Boyce
Abraham Man	Levi morey	Allen Grant
Moses Read	Darius Taft	Jonathan Sweet
David Barney	Silas Taft	John Boyce
William Barney	Edmund Ingalls	Nathan Boyce
John Garnsey	Paul Boyce	

[4-165] [*Quakers' Petition to be exempted from Military Duty, 1788.*]

Most Honourd Gentlemen we the Subscribers professing our selves to be peaceable Citizens of our Country and having a desire to live in peace with all men not having any desire to Strike against the Laws or Government of our Legislaters but are willing to submit our Selves to the Laws and Governments of our Superiors Nevertheless we do most Ardently desire that your Honours would Consider us as to the Melitia act which as it now stands Demands of us that we do bare arms in order to learn the art of war which thing we do assure your Honours we do not Come out against because we have any antipathy against our officers or sivel Government but finding our selves to be under a Law to God and our minds being led we trust by his unering Council we do assure your Honours that it is in point of Conscience that we do not Comply with the demands of our officers Humbly request that the General Coart Held in and for our State would take it into their Delibrate Consideration and that their might be some way opned where by we might be Exempted from doing that that is so much against our Conscience as we do assure your Honours we Cannot Comply with the Request of our officers in bearing Arms let Come on us what may theirfore we your humble Petitioners do ardently pray that you would grant unto us the liberty of Conscience in this respect and we have in times past dvised with the Honourable General Sullivan who Recommended to us that if we had any Destress made on our bodies or Estates to petition to the General Coart for redress which some of us have Sufferd in some measure also advised by our field officers to petition in like manner

Richmond Decm^{br} ye 22^d AD 1788

Jonathan Bolles
Simeon Thayer
Nathaniel Bolles
Aaron Cooley
John Bolles
Josep Newell
Moses Cooley

[9-106]] [*Quakers' Petition to be exempted from Military Duty, 1796.*]

The petition of We the Subscribers inhabitants of Richmond in the County of Cheshire in Said State Humble Sheweth: that we are Conscientiously Scrupulous about the Lawfulness of bearing armes or equipting our Salves with armes or larning

the arts of War by attending on Traneing or Muster Days according to the Law of Said State: Not having so larned Christ or been larnt of him: but Wishing and praying that the time may Shortly Come that the nations may larn War no more: but that they beat there Swords in to plowsheirs and there Spears into pruning hooks and larn agriculture and not War: and We further Shew that We have ever been Loyal Subjects of Said State & have been Willing to pay our propotion of all taxes for the Surport of Civil Government: and We further Shew: that Doubts has arisen in the minds of the Melitia officers of Said Town Where the Constitution and Law of Said State Clears any that are Conscientiously Scrupulous of bearing armes: unlass he is a known and Owned member of the Society of frind (or Quakers): and We further Shew that Said Officers have issued there Warrats and have taken Sum of our property for fines for non attendance at musters &c—Wherefore your petitioners Humble pray that your Honors Would take our hard Case into your Wise Considration: and Grant us Releaf Either by a Bill for that purpose in any Other Way your Wisdom Shall think Best: as in Duty bond Will Ever pray—

Richmond November y^e 15th A D 1796—

Jonathan Bolles
Joseph newil
Simeon Thayer
John Bolles Juner
Amos Boorn
Peter Martin
George Martin

Richmond November y^e 15th A D 1796—

we the Subscribers Select men of said Richmond hereby Certify that we are well acquainted with the Signors of the within Petition & believe them to be Good & Loyal Citezens of the state of Newhampshire & we Likewise believe they are Conscientiously scrupilous about the Lawfulness of bearing arms

Moses Tyler	} Select Men of Richmond
Nathaniel Aldrich	
Samuel Gaskill	

R I N D G E.

The township was granted by the government of Massachusetts December 9, 1736, O. S. The territory was sur-

veyed by Nathan Heywood in November, 1738, and the grant confirmed January 24, 1738, O. S. (Feb. 4, 1739, N. S.). The grantees were soldiers or heirs of soldiers who participated in the expedition under Sir William Phipps to Canada in 1690, and were residents of Rowley, Mass., and vicinity;—hence the name of Rowley-Canada, by which the place was known until it was granted by the Masonian Proprietors, February 14, 1749, and called Monadnock No. 1. The town was incorporated February 11, 1768, and received its present name in honor of Daniel Rindge, then an influential member of the council.

Rindge took a prominent part in the Revolution, furnishing two regimental commanders, viz., Col. Enoch Hale, born in Rowley, November 28, 1733, a veteran of the French war, who was in public positions for many years, and died in Grafton, Vt., April 9, 1813, and Col. Nathan Hale, born September 23, 1743, who was in the service from the breaking out of the Revolutionary war until he died a prisoner in the hands of the enemy, at Long Island, Sept. 23, 1780. He was promoted for meritorious services to the rank of colonel.

By an act passed June 17, 1847, the line between this town and Fitzwilliam was established.

[9-167] [*Petition of the Massachusetts Proprietors to have the Township incorporated: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1751.*]

The Petition of Stephen Peabody & Thomas Wood Proprietors of a New Plantation Called Rowly Canada in their own Names and in behalf of the Rest of the Proprietors of s^d Plantation—

Most Humbly Sheweth—

That whereas the Great and General Court of the Province of The Massachusetts Bay Granted to John Tyler Joseph Pike & others Officers and Soldiers in the Canada Expedition in the Year 1690 the afores^d plantation lying to the Southward of the Mountain Called Grand Monadnock which is of the Contents of Six Miles Square a plan of which being prefer'd to the Said Court of the Massachusetts Bay was approv'd of by the Same and y^e Lands Represented by s^d plan In 1738 was Confirm'd to the afores^d Grantees as by a Copy of the Said Courts proceeding in Regard thereto herewith Exhibeted more fully may Apear which Court thought they had good Right So to do by Virtue

of The Charter Granted by Their Mejestees King William and Queen Mary in the first page of which we find as followeth—

“Whereas His Majesty King James the first our Royal predecessor by his Letters Patents under the Great Seal of England bearing Date at Westminster the Third Day of November in the Eighteenth Year of his Reign did Give and Grant unto the Council Established at Plymouth in the County of Devon for the planting Ruling Ordering and Governing of New England in America and to their Successors and Assigns all that part of America lying and being in breadth from Forty Degrees of Northerly Latitude from the Equinoctial Line to the Forty Eighth Degree of the Northerly Latitude Inclusive and in length within all the breadth afores^d through out all the Main Lands from Sea to Sea together with all firm Lands Soils Grounds Havenes Ports Rivers Waters Fishings Mines Minerals &c with full power to Alienate” &c—

And a little further in the Same page further Saith “And whereas the Said Council Establish’d at Plymouth in the County of Devon for the planting Ruling Ordering & Governing New-England in America Did by their Deed Indented under their Common Seal bearing Date the Nineteenth of March in the Third Year of the Reign of our Royal Grandfather King Charles the first &c—Give Grant Bargain Sell Enfeef Alien and Confirm to S^r Henry Roswell S^r John Young and others their Associates all that part of New-England in America afores^d which lyeth and Extendeth between the Great River there Commonly Called Monomack Alias Merimack and a Certain other River there Called Charles River being in the bottom of a Bay there Commonly Called Massachusetts alias Mat-tachusetts alias Massatusetts Bay and also all and Singuler those Lands and Heriditaments whatsoever lying within Three English Miles on the South part of s^d Charles River or of any and every part thereof and also all and Singuler the Lands and Heriditaments whatsoever lying and being within three English Miles to the Southward of the Southermost part of Said Bay &c and also all those Lands and Hereditaments whatsoever which lay and be within the Space of three English Miles to the Northward of the Said River Called Monomack alias Merimack or to the Northward of any and Every part thereof and all Lands and Heriditaments whatsoever lying within the Limits afores^d North and South in Latitude and in Breadth in Length and Longitude of and within all the Breadth afores^d through the Main Lands there from the Atlantick and Western Sea and Ocean on the East part to the South Sea on the west part”—

And in the Second page of s^d Charter with REGARD to the Lands Contain’d in the Deed afores^d we find the words following viz—“And whereas our Said Royal Grandfather in and by

his Letters patent under the Great Seal of England bearing Date the fourth Day of March in the fourth Year of his Reign for the Consideration therein mentiond did Grant and Confirm To the Said S^r Henry Roswell S^r John Young & Their Associates Their Heirs and Assigns all the Said part of New-England in America lying and Extending between the Bounds and Limits in the said Indenture Expressed" &c. which was a full Confirmation of s^d Lands. But if it Should be Objected That in the Thirty Sixth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second the Said Letters Patents were Cancelld Vacated and Annihilated by a Judgment Given in a Court of Chancery then Sitting at Westminster upon a Writ of Scire Facias brought and prosecuted in Said Court against the Governour and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New-England—

with Submission we beg leave to Answer that altho that was the Case the property of the Lands was never Efected thereby—but afterwards In the Third Year of the Reign of King Willim & Queen Mary they by their Charter afores^d Incorporated the Colonies of the Massachusetts-Plymouth Province of Main & Nova Scotia into one Province—

And They the Said King W^m and Queen Mary Restor'd the s^d Massachusetts and Province of Main to the priviledges following viz—

"Provided also That it Shall and may be lawful for the Said Governour and General Assembly to make or pass any Grant of Lands lying within the Bounds of the Colonies formerly Called the Colonies of the Massachusetts-Bay and New-Plymouth & Province of Main in Such Manner as heretofore they might have Don by virtue of any former Charter or Letters patents which Grants of Lands within the Bounds afores^d we Do hereby Will and ordain to be and Continue forever of full force and Efect without our further approbation or Consent"—

By all which it appears the Said Court of the Massachusetts-Bay had Good Right full power & Authority to Grant the afores^d Township or plantation it being within their Limits assign'd them as afores^d—

But So it is His Present Majesty King George the Second hath Anex'd part of s^d Lands of the Massachusetts-Bay afores^d To this His Province of New Hampshire which brings the s^d Rowly-Canada under the Jurisdiction of the Same but we apprehend property is no more Efected thereby than it was in y^e Reign of King Charles the Second—Notwithstanding the Endeavours of Some who Call themselves Lord Propriators of the Mason Patent to Suplant us—

Therefore apprehending our Right to Said Plantation to be good are Desireous of Settleing the Same and Settleing a minister &c we find it Necessary we Should be put into a Capacity

to Raise money to Build a meeting House & for other Charges of the plantation and also for our Quota of the Charges of the Government in which it now lyes when ever your Excellency and Hon^{rs} Shall Call upon us therefor Therefore we Humbly Pray Your Excellency & Hon^{rs} (if in Your Wisdom and Goodness Shall think proper) To Incorporate us into a proper District Vesting us with the usual power and priviledges of Such that we may proceed as aboves^d and as in Duty will Ever Pray—

Stephen Peabody
Tho^s Wood

At a legel meeting of y^e proprietors of Rowley Canada Township held at y^e House of m^r John Wood in Boxford on y^e 25th of December 1750 (7¹⁷) voted that Cap^t Stephen peabody & Thomas Wood be a Committee to go to portsmouth and apply to the Governor and Council their to form our Township Into a deStreet with full power as other Destrects have—

Atest Tho^s perley, prop. Clark

[9-168] [*Petition for Confirmation of the first Grant: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1750.*]

The Memorial of us the Subscribers humbly Sheweth That Whereas at a great and general Court or Assembly for his majesties Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New-England begun and held at Boston upon Wednesday the 31st Day of May 1738, & continued by Prorogation to Wednesday the 29th day of Nov^r following & then met January 23^d, A Plat of a Tract of Land of the Contents of Six Miles Square laid out by Nathan Haywood Surveyor & Chain men on Oath, to Satisfy a Grant made by this Court to John Tyler Joseph Pike & others Officers and Souldiers in the Canada Expedition in the Year 1690, lying to the Southward of the Mountain called the Grand Monadnock & adjoining to the Township granted to Sam^l Haywood and others, beginning at a Maple Tree—the North easterly Corner of Dorchester Canada Township. From thence running North 32 degrees, East two Miles & one hundred Poles to an heap of Stones, Thence North 22 degrees, East four Miles, Thence North one Mile till it meets with the S^d Township granted to Samuel Haywood &c Thence West four Miles by the S^d Township to the Southwesterly Corner thereof, Thence North by S^d Township three Miles & two hundred and twenty Poles, Thence West 30 degrees South five Miles and one hundred and eighty Poles to a Wild Cherry tree on the Southward of the Grand monadnock afores^d, Thence South one thousand and eighty Poles, Thence East 41 degrees South two thousand five

hundred Perch to an Heap of Stones. Then North 12 degrees, east one Mile to the North easterly Corner of Dorchester Canada Township being the Maple first mentioned, with the allowance of one Rod in thirty for uneven Land and Swag of Chain, and a farther Allowance for ten large Ponds and a large Shrub Swamp about four Miles in Length and a Mile in Breadth And that We have expended Several hundred Pounds in bringing forward the settlement of the S^d Township, have built a Saw-Mill, hewed Timber for a meeting house the Same Summer the War broke out with the Indians and also cleared the Roads into the Township and cleared considerable Ground in it, but not expecting help from either of the Governments Sufficient to defend us in a Time of War, we were obliged to desist from bringing forward the Settlement aforsed till the War was over, But this Spring We are purposed to go up with a good Number of men in order to prosecute the Settlement of the S^d Township.—

And that Since the afores'd Grant, the Line has been run between the Provinces, and S^d Tract of Land granted falls into New-hampshire, and as we are informed Col^l Blanchard has either upon a Pretence of Masons Right or of his own head entered upon S^d Tract of Land granted as aforesaid and laid it out into two Townships with other Lands, although he must needs know if he would allow himself to consider that S^d Tract of land is Several Miles Scetuated and lying to the Westward of the utmost Bounds of Masons Grant

These are therefore humbly to intreat that your Excellency and Honours would not in your Wisdom grant the afores^d Premisses granted as in the Manner afores^d to the S^d Col. Blancherd or any that may petition with or under him, or to any other Persons Who Soever, but would be pleased to reserve the Same to be Confirmed & ratified to us and the other Proprietors who purpose as soon as may be in a Body to prefer a Petition to your Excelency and honours for that End

And Your Memorialists as in Duty Bound Shall ever Pray &c

Rowley March 28, 1750.

Stephen Peabody	} in the Behalf of the Proprietors
Thomas Wood	
Joseph Hale	
Jedidiah Jewet	
Humphry Hobson	
Joseph Hidden	
Jeremiah Jewett	
Jonathan Todd	

[9-169]

[*Counterfeit Money.*]Rindge May y^e 1st 1776

I Reuben Page own that I have Delivered to Lieut Abel Stone one bill of thirty Shillings as soon as I found it was not good S^d Bill I Rec^d of Samuel Parker of Rindge,—the reason of my taking S^d Bill was, S^d Parker wanted Some Velvet that I had got, I told him the S^d Parker that I would not trust it to any person ; he the S^d Parker Said he had the Money at home, I told him that if he would fetch the money he Should have the velvet, after the velvet was Cut off, he the S^d parker told me that he had not got the money with him : but he had it at home and if I would go home with him he would pay me ; I went with him to get the Money ; and as we was a going, he the S^d Parker Said he had the money with him but he wanted to talk with me, he said if I would go into M^r Learned's barn, he would pay me, we went into the barn, and he took out of his pocket a Number of bills, and this amongst the Rest, I Said (Parker) I am afraid this is not a good bill, he Said it is a good bill as ever was look up at the top the Number is plain

Reuben Page

The above was Declared before y^e Comm^{tees}
attest Edw^d Jewett Com^{tees} Clerk

[R. 3-193] [*Daniel Russell, Soldier: addressed to the General Court, 1778.*]

Humbly Shews Daniel Russell of Rindge in the County of Cheshire—a Soldier of Cap^t Blodgets Company in Col^o Hales Regiment in the Continental Army That at the Battle at Stillwater on the nineteenth day of September A D 1777 he was wounded by a musket ball which passed thro' his body & was disabled from helping himself—that from thence he was carried to the hospital at Albany where he remained till the 21st Day of October following. * * * *

Oct. 30th 1778

Daniel Russell

[He asked for an allowance for doctors' bills, etc., which was granted Nov. 3, 1778, to the extent of £42, 13. He was mustered March 20, 1777, at the age of 17 years.—Ed.]

[R. 3-194] [*Lieut. James Crombie's Petition, 1779.*]

Humbly Shews James Crombie of Rindge in the County of Cheshire Gentleman late first Lieutenant of the Company lately

Commanded by Cap^t Samuel Blodget in the 2^d Battalion of New Hampshire Troops in the Continental Army—That being upon Duty by order of Gen^l Poor, in august 1777 he met with a hurt which has ever since disabled him from serving in the Army or doing any labour to maintain himself & family * *

Exeter March 16th 1779

James Crombie

[He was placed on the roll for half-pay.—ED.]

[*Rev. Pap. p. 61.*] [*Col. Enoch Hale's Return, 1779.*]

State of New }
Hampshire } Rindge y^e 9th of october 1779.

Sir In obedience to your orders of the 26th of June last I have Raised Sixteen Soldiers for the Rhode Island Servis from the several Towns in my Regiment in the following manner viz—

Packersfield	1	John French of said Packersfield	
Sliptown	1	Timothy Lock of said Slip	
marlborough	1	Elijah Parks of marlborough	
Fitzwilliam	1	Daniel Gould of Fitzw ^m .	
Rindge	2	Abel Kimball } of Rindge	
		Simeon Bruce }	
Dublin	1	Nath ^l Belknap of Dublin	
Peterborough	2	John White Jr } of Peterborough	
		Charles Davieson }	
Jaffrey	2	Bezaleel Sawyer } of Jaffrey	
		James French Jr }	
New Ipswich	3	Isaac Taylor of New Ipswich	
		Asa Severance of Temple	
		James M ^c Kinsey of Westmoreland	
Temple	1	David Drurey of Temple	
Washington	1 th	Ebenezer Lowell of washington	

Sir as the above Soldiers was all Enlisted Between the fifth & ninth of July and march^t at one Time I have made no distinction But date them all from the Ninth of said July 1779

I am sir your most obed^t Humble Ser^t

His Hon^r General Folsom

Enoch Hale

[R. 3-197] [*Petition of Abigail, wife of Col. Nathan Hale, 1780.*]

State of New Hampshire—to the Honorable the Councell and house of Representatives of Said State the petition of Abigail Hale wife to Nathan Hale Esq^r Humbly Sheweth that your petitioners said Husband, ingaged in the Continental Service

in the year 1775 and has continued in Said service ever since that time—but through the fortune of war your petitioners said Husband was Captivated by the Enemy by which means together with other misfortunes after he returned home on parole, he was put to very great expense, and since that time being ordered to return to his Confinement greatly increased his expense all which misfortune has intirely put it Beyond his power to do any thing towards the Support of his family, wherefore your petitioner although Contrary to her intention, being Burden^d with heavy taxes together with the Charges of a young and helpless family, is under the necessity of applying to your Honors for Releife, to be made her out of the depreciation of your petitioners said husbands wages—and your petitioner Relling on your Honors Justice, and wisdom, Shall as in duty bound ever pray &c
 Rindge June y^e 9 1780

Abigail Hale

[Nathan Hale was captain of a company of minute men in April, 1775, and was promoted to colonel in April, 1777. His regiment received a violent attack from the enemy at Hubbardston, July 7, 1777, while covering the retreat from Ticonderoga, and Col. Hale with others was taken prisoner. On returning from his parole to captivity he died at Long Island, Sept. 23, 1780.—ED.]

[R. 3-198] [*Samuel Whiting, Soldier.*]

[In a petition dated Rindge, Sept. 24, 1780, Samuel Whiting stated that he "enlisted into the Continental Servis in march A D 1777 in Cap^t Blodgett's Company." He further stated that he was taken sick at Ticonderoga, and asked for an allowance and the balance of his pay, which was granted to the extent of £20, 0, 3.—ED.]

[R. 3-200] [*Bounties paid by the Town of Rindge to Soldiers who engaged for a less term of time than Three Years.*]

W ^m Kendall,	2	years	man	£	6.	19,	6
David Brooks	2	"	"		17,	8,	9
Jonathan Lake	2	"	"		17,	8,	9
David Robinson	1	"	"		21,	6,	10

£63, 3, 10

The above sums have been deducted from the Soldiers depreciation—
 May 17th 1785. Certificate to Col^o
 Enoch Hale— Attest Jos Gilman

Exeter 17 May 1785

Reed an order for the Contents

Enoch Hale

[Ezekiel Demery, of Rindge, was in Capt. James Carr's Company Jan. 24, 1777.—ED.]

[*Rev. Pap. p. 311.*]

Rindge May y^e 7th 1777:

Then Rec^d of Abel Pirkins fifteen Pounds L. M^o in full for my inlisting myself into the Service of the united States of America to do a turne for Eight Months for said Pirkins

test Edw^d Jewett

Pr me Benj^a Lovering

[R. 3-199.] [*Resignation of Col. Enoch Hale, 1783: addressed to the General Court.*]

Gentlemen

it is Eight long years Since we have been ingagd in a Tedious and most unnatural war in which I have Chearfully Sacrificed a Considerable Part of my interest with the Rest of my friends & Countrymen I was Several years in the General Assembly and felt my Self So much ingaged in the Cause of my Country as to Neglect my interest at home I had the Honor to Command a Regiment and for many years Rec^d Repeated orders for Raising men for the war & Turning out upon Alarms to defend my Country which I did as Chearfully obey

I was Commissioned as Sheriff for the County of Cheshire Took the oath and Executed the office when many Persons Thought it to be at the Jeopardy of my Life It Could not then be for the Lucre of money but I Put my all at Stake without fear or Reflection upon what my fate might be: thus I Passed through the dark Scene until I Saw the dawning of the Glorious day—but alas the Scene was Changed Indeed—I Soon felt the Resentment of Some Part of my Country and Saw men Creeping out of Corners and Indeavouring to Introduce themselves into Publick Life that dearest not Lift up there heads before they was well Convinsed how the matter would fall But To Return my Countrey are most hartily wellcomb to what Little Servis I was able to afford them and Could have Said Now Let thy Servant depart in Peace Since my Eyes have Seen thy Salvation But I am Supersceded in the Latter and do Now upon

the most Coole Reflection Resign the former I wish my Regiment well I had maney Good officers and Souldiers I wish my Country well and do not forget Past favours Received from the Generall Assembly I am Gentlemen with Respect your Honor^s most obedient Hum^{ble} Servant

Enoch Hale

Rindge June 7th 1783

[The foregoing was accepted June 13, 1783, and it was voted that he receive a vote of thanks for his faithful services.—ED.]

[R. 3-201.] [*Relative to Isaac Leeland, Soldier: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

Humbly Sheweth, Joel Russell and Mary his wife of Rindge That the said mary was widow of Isaac Leeland Late of said Rindge deceased. that the said Isaac Leeland Inlisted himself as a Soldier In Cap^t Blodgetts Company and Colonel Nathan Hales Regiment in the year 1777. and left his wife (the said mary) with a number of small children to Take care off. and in the month of September next following, the said Isaac was killed by the enemy. * * *

Rindge May 30th 1785.

Joel Russell mary Russell

[They asked for the balance due said Leeland, and the committee reported nothing due. Petition dismissed.—ED.]

[9-171] [*Selectmen relative to Soldiers' Pay, 1782.*]

The Petition of Edward Jewett Ebenezer davis and John Buswell Selectmen of the Town of Rindge in Said State—Humbly Sheweth that in the year A D 1779 orders being Sent To this Town for Raiseing Souldiers To Serve in the Continental army for one year that The depreciation of The Then Present Currency was Such that The Town was laid under the Necessaty of obligating themselves to the Souldiers Then to be Raised as Being Responsible for the State that all depreciation Should be made Good agreeable to the orders then Received for Raising Such Souldiers and Notwithstanding The fatigue of Said Servis The Said Souldiers Complain of not being made up for any wages or depreciation wherefore your Petitioners Pray in behalf of Said Souldiers as well as for the Town that the

Said Souldiers may be made up agreeable to the orders aforesaid
and your Petitioners as in duty bound Shall Ever Pray

Edw ^d Jewett	} Selectmen of Rindge
Ebenezer Davis	
John Buswell	

Rindge march y^e 6th 1782

[9-172] [*Relative to pay of Soldiers: addressed to the General Court, 1783.*]

The petition of Daniel Gragg & others humbly Sheweth that In June A D 1779. orders were Issued for Raising Soldiers to Seirve one year In the contenantel army with a promise of the same wages and Depretiation as other Soldiers was to Recive In the contenantel army and your petitioners Being called upon to asist In Raising Sum part of Said Soldiers were oblidge^d to Engage them their pay agreeable to said orders the unceirtainty of the paper money being Such and have Sence ben oblidge^d to Settle and pay them accordingly without any Security Excep orders upon the treasurer for their wages when made up.

Wherefore your petitioners Humbly prayeth that the Same may be made up accordingly.—

And your petitioners as In Duty bound Shall Ever pray

Daniel Gragg
James Philbrick
Josiah Ingalls
Ezekiel Jewett
Jacob Gould

Rindge June 7th 1783

[9-174] [*Petition for Authority to elect a Representative: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

The petition of us the Subscribers Select Men of Rindge In Said State. Humbly Sheweth that wheras the Said Town of Rindge hath never Receiv^d aney writ or precept Impowring them to Send a Representative to the General Assembly of Said State Sence the Astablishment of the present Constitution Notwithstanding the number of one Hundred and fifty Free Ratable poles that are more then Twenty one years of age are Resident within the Same, which we humbly Conceive was Omitted In Conciquence of the Said Town* not Receiving any precept for Assertaining & Sending In Such number of Retable poles wherefore your petitioners humbly prays that Such writ may be

Granted, and your petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray—

James Crumbie	} Select Men
Jon ^a Ingalls	
Sam Whiting	
	} of Said
	} Rindge

Rindge February 5th 1785.

ROCHESTER.

The township was granted by the government of Massachusetts, and contained the territory now in Farmington and Milton in addition to the present township. Rochester was incorporated by the governor and council of the then province of New Hampshire, May 10, 1722, and comprised about 60,000 acres of land.

The first permanent settlement was made by Capt. Timothy Roberts in December, 1728; others soon followed, but were harassed by Indians to such an extent as to prevent a general settlement until after the reduction of Canada in 1760. The population was quite numerous in 1775, and the town did its full share of service in the Revolution.

By an act approved December 1, 1798, the westerly part of the town, called the north-west parish, was set off and incorporated into the town of Farmington, which, leaving the town over twenty miles in length, north and south, made it very inconvenient, and in 1802 the inhabitants of the north parish petitioned for a separate incorporation, which was granted by an act approved June 11 of that year, setting off the said parish, and incorporating it as a town by the name of Milton. July 10, 1846, a part of the farm of Rufus C. Varney was severed from this town and annexed to Barrington.

The village now known as Gonic was formerly Squamagonnick.

The following is a list of a few of the Rochester men in the Revolution:

Wm. Harper, age 35, Col. Cilley's Reg't.

Daniel Horn, age 27, Col. Nathan Hale's Battalion, Capt. Bell.

Eben'r Chesley, age 23, Col. Nathan Hale's Battalion, Capt. Rowell.

Geo. Heard, age 20, Col. Nathan Hale's Battalion, Capt. Rowell.

Jos. Pearl, age 17, Col. Nathan Hale's Battalion, Capt. Rowell.

Ichabod Horn, Drummer, 2d N. H. Reg't, Capt. James Carr.

James Marden, 2d N. H. Reg't, Capt. James Carr.

Daniel Cook, Serg't, Scammell's Reg't, Benj. Ellis's Co., 1781,

[9-175] [*Relative to Ministerial Affairs: addressed to the General Court, 1737.*]

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Rochester, in s^d province, most humbly sheweth—

That your Petitioners have been settled here, some of them, seven Years or thereabout, that we are now increased to the Number of about Sixty Families, & are as yet destitute of a Settled Ministry, & have no civil Order in the Town, having never had any power to choose town officers, or to act in town affairs, y^t your petitioners put in a petition to this Hon^{ble} Court at their Sessions the last Spring, praying for relief under our Difficulties afores^d and also that, in Consideration of our low Circumstances and the Inconveniences and Charges such new Settlements are exposed to, a tax might be laid on the Rights of the Non-resident Proprietors towards the Support of the Ministry here; but so it happened that the Matter was not perfected, so that your petitioners remain still in the same unsettled and uncomfortable Condition, and do therefore humbly & earnestly entreat your Excellency and your Honours to take their Case into your compassionate Consideration, and that a Committee may be appointed to call a Meeting in Order to choose Town officers for the Year ensuing, and that a tax may be also laid on the Non-resident Proprietors of twenty Shillings a right per Annum, for Seven Years, next ensuing, for and towards the Support of the Ministry—Or otherwise to do for us, as to your Wisdom and Goodness shall seem meet—And your humble Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Rochester March y^e 1736/7

John alon
Joseph Hard
Stephen Harford
Benjamin Merrow
Robard Night

John winford
Jack Busel
Joseph Richards
Joseph Hodgdon
John Bickford

Willam Eles
Samuell merro
John Garlon
Richard wentworth
Jeams Busell

Jeams Lock	John ^{his} X Smith	Joseph miller
Gesom Downs	^{mark} Joseph Richards :	Paul Tebbets
John Bickford	sen	Jeams Cley
Samuell Merow	Timothy Roberts	Solom Clark
John Hardie	John Mackfee	will Door
Thomas Perkens	Zebulun dam	will alen
Elesar Ham	Benjamin Tebbets	Sam Richard
Ebnesar Place	Joseph walker	Sam Tombly
willam wolford	William Stiles	mathy mackfee
Joseph Berrey	Stephen Beary	Jonathan Cops
Beimin Hayes		

[*Legislative Action on foregoing.*]

In Council March 24, 1736/7

Read & recommended Rich^d Waldron Secy

Ma^r 26; 1737 In the House of Representatives the within Petition read: and Voted: That Paul Wentworth Esq^r Cap^t Thomas Millet and Stephen Berry; be authorized A Comittee to Call the first Meeting to Chuse Town officers—and when such officers are Chosen, they to have full power to act as other town officers by the Law of the Province and they to have authority to Charge a Whole proprietors Share wth a rate of fifteen Shillings per annum towards paym^t of a Ministers Sallary and so in proportion for y^r part of a Share or Right each proprietor do possess or Claime: this rate to be made yearly for payment only while they have an orthodox Minister there; not to continue longer yⁿ the End of y^e yeare 1742; then to Support their minister as y^e Law directs in other towns and that the Pet^{rs} have Liberty to bring in a Bill accordingly—

James' Jeffry Cl^r Ass^m

In Coun^t March 26, 1737 Read & Concured

R Waldron Secy

Assented to March 26 1737

J Belcher

[9-176] [*Petition for a Guard, 1744: addressed to the General Court.*]

The Petition of the Inhabitants of y^e Town of Rochester In y^e Province afors^d Humbly Sheweth, that whereas your Petitioners are settled In a New & a Frontier Town And being but few In number & Under Indigent Circumstances, we are Unable to Defend ourselves, In case our Enemies Should make an

assault upon us: And we cannot go about our Business as Heretofore without Endangering our Lives and y^e Lives of our Families (The Enemy Having Been discovered Divers times Lurking about our Houses and Fields) We therefore Humbly Pray your Excellency and the Honourable General Court to take our Difficult Circumstances under your Consideration and to allow us a Suitable Number of Soldiers to Guard us In our Garrisons and whilst we are about our daily Employments—

And whereas we are called upon by the Province Treasurer to pay a Considerable Tax towards Defraying y^e Province Charges, we pray your Excellency & y^e Hon^{ble} Gen^l Court to Consider How we have been Shut up In Garrison ever Since y^e News of a French War, & have not been able to go out and In to provide for our Households as their Necessity called upon us to do ; And a Considerable Number of Families have removed from us to other Towns &c—We therefore pray your Excellency and your Honours to Favour us In this Regard & declaring that we would not ask to be released from paying our Proportion if we had ability to Comply with y^e Demands made upon us therefor

And Your Humble Petitioners as In Duty Bound Shall ever Pray &c—

Rochester Aug : 21, 1744

Stephen Berry	John —	Joseph walker
Rich ^d Wentworth	James Rodger	Ebenzer plase
Joseph Richards	John Jennes	John Bickford
tertius	Benjamin Hayes	John Lughton
Jn ^o Wentworth	John Heard	Joseph Richards
Samuel whithoues	John m ^{ee}	Juner
Benjamin forst	James Pleace	Joseph Hogsdon
Samuell Coresen	Jonathan Hodgen	John Hamack
Roberd Knight	William Jennes	Thomas Drue
Gesham Downes	Clementt Dearing	Allexander Hodgdon
Eleazar Colman	Thomas Perkens	Elezar Ham
Samull Tombly	Icabod Horn	Jonathan Cops
Stephen Harford	Cap ^t Timo : Roberts	
Samull merro	Isn Edward Tebbets	

[9-179] [*Petition for Representation: addressed to Gov. B. Wentworth, 1762.*]

The Humble Petition of the Town of Rochester in the Province
Afore Sd May it please your Excellency—

Humbly Shewing that the town of Rochester being Granted
by Charter in the Reign of King George the first of Blessed

Memory and Setled by a Number of Inhabitants for upwards of thirty years past and Have by the Blessing of Providence grown to the Number of upwards of a Hundred and thirty families and Have for a Number of years past paid our Equal proportion of the publick Charges of this Province and Never as yet have had A member to Represent us in General Assembly of Sd Province altho perhaps for want of proper Application we therefore Humbly pray your Excellency would be pleasd to send us a Precept to Enable us to Choose a meet person Qualifyed by Law to Represent us in the general Assembly of Sd Province—which is the Prayers of your Humble Petitioners—

Rochester february ye 8th 1762

Daniel Winget	Joseph Knight	Jonathan Hodgdon
Barnabas Palmer	Zebulun Dam Junr	Ichabod Horn
Ichabod Corson	Moses Brown	Ebenezer Place Junr
Gedion Tebbets	Thomas young	Jacob Chamberlin
Obadiah Tebbets	Wentworth Hays	Benjamin Cops
Dodapher Garland	Joshua Knight	Samuel Chamberlin
Daniel Cook	Henry Tebbets	Samuel yeaton
Thomas Withrell	John Trickey	Benjamin Merrow
Richard Nutter	Samuel winget	David Place
Daniel Garland	Timothy Robarts	Solomon Laighton
Timothy Robarts	Stephen Berry	George Place
Junr	Joseph walker	Joseph walker Junr
Peter Horn	Edward Tebbets	Moses Downs
Isaac Libbey Junr	william Allen	Josiah Main
Eliezar Colman	James Rogers	Henry Allord
Ebenezer Place	Zebulun Dam	Thomas Pevey
Joseph Dani	Ephraim Berry	Jonathan Laighton
Stephen Wentworth	Charles Rogers	David Laighton
Moses Hays	Benjamin Forst	Joseph Haghdon
Samuel Cops	James Knowls	John Nute
Shadrach Allard	Isaac Libbey	Samuel Downing
Abner Dam	Richard wentworth	John Hammock
Jabez Dan	Samuel Alley	Abraham Pearl
David Cops	Stephen Berry Junr	Dimond Pearl
Ebenezer Chamber-	Jonathan Cops	James M ^c fee
lin	Joseph Tebbets	Hezekiah Varny
Thomas Brown	Aaron Tebbets	Ithamer Seavy
Elexander Hodgdon	William Chamberlin	Solomon Perkins
Clement Dearing	James Place	Peter Wallingsford
John Heard	Paul Libbey	John Richards
John Plumer	Ephraim Chamber-	Alexander Hoghdon
Samuel Laighton	lin	Junr
Ephraim Ham	James Dearing	William Ham
Samuel Tebbets	Richard walker	Daniel Forst
James Berry	Nathaniel Burnam	Daniel M ^c neel

[9-178] [*Governor Wentworth to Secretary Atkinson, relative to a Representative, 1762.*]

Portsmouth 12th Feb. 1762,

Sir Colonel Gage has laid before me a Petition from Rochester, praying they may have a precept for Choseing a fit person to represent them in General Assembly, which if they obtain they have promised to send Colonel Gage and if the Kings writt is not too far advanced insert Rochester and Kensington from which place Cap^t Haly will come, but you must Inquire first whether it can be done without infringing on. Hampton Falls Incorporation

I am S^r Your Hum^l Ser^t

B. Wentworth

Colonel Atkinson

The Sherrif is not to send out precepts to the old towns before the latter end of next week, nor to Rochester if one goes there

B. W.

[It appears in the journal of the H. of Rep., March 12, 1762, that a precept was issued to Rochester, and that Lieut. John McDuffee was chosen instead of Col. Gage.—ED.]

[9-180] [*Relative to Dover Bridge: addressed to the Assembly, 1770.*]

The Humbl Petision of Sundry of the Inhabitents of the Town of Rochester in S^d province Shews our oppinion And Sentiments about the Bridges that is Built at Cochecho falls in the town of Dover in s^d province Whereas we your humbl Per-tisoners think it Very Needless to Build a Bridge below the falls for it is So Discomogous to us and all the adgasent Towns and all travellers for it Carrys us and all travellers Between fifty and Sixty Rods farthar Round than the highway formerly was and over Such Rocks and we look upon it that the town had no Rite to turn the Rode So far out of the way that was formerly laid out By the Governor & Councel without a greater authority than Such a Vote as we have Been Informed

Whereas we think that the upper Bridge is most Convenient Both for the town of Dover and us & all the adgasent towns And all travellers it Being a much Better Road and your Per-tisoners are in Duty Bound Shall ever Pray &c—

Gershum Downs
John Ham

John Nute
moses Varney

William Ham
Ephraim Ham

Joseph Tebbets	Jonathan Tebbets	James Dearing
Ichabod Corson Jr	William allin	Peter Wallingford
Ichabod Corson	Stephen Harford	Zebulun Davis
Isaac Libbey	Joseph knight	Reuben heard
Rich ^d Nutter	Samuel Loughton	Alexander hodgdon
Eleazar Coleman	Timo Roberts	Jur
Stephen handford	Timothy Roberts	John Hamak
Juner	Juner	Richard Place
Isaac Lebby Jur	Josiah Main	Alexander Hodgdon
Solmon harford	Tristram Heard	Jonathan Bickford
Ephraim Alley	Joseph Heard	Joseph Bickford
Bangmon dam	Sam ^l Downing	Thomas Brown
Samuel Alley	Paul Libbey	Isaac Twombly
Thomas Young	Thomas Roberts	William Jinnins
Peter Horn	David Place	Morris Ellis
Stephen Bearey	John Place	Moses Jennins
Benjamin forst	George Place	Aaron Jennins
Thomas Varney	William McDuffee	Danel kimbal
Ebenezer Varney	James Jackson	Aaron Downs
Richard wintworth	James Horn	
henry Tebbets	Abner Dam	

[In H. of Rep., December 14, 1770, a hearing was ordered for the next session.—ED.]

[R. 3-204] [*Stephen Berry, Jr., Soldier, 1748.*]

Stephen Berry Jun of Rochester Testifies & Declare that he served as a Soldiour under the Command of Cap^t Job Clemens in Scouting and Guarding at Rochester the last month that Cap^t Clemens Serv'd there in the Service of this Province in the year 1748 in the Room or Stead of Jacob Allen

Stephen Berry Jur

[Sworn before John MacMurphy, Portsmouth, May 1, 1753.—ED.]

[R. 3-211] [*Daniel McDuffee's Order, 1778.*]

Sir Please to Pay or Deliver to James Knoles Esq all the money Due to therty Seven men that Served in my Company as Solders Last fall at Still Water &C on Robert Swainsons Role & this Shall be your Receipt for the Same pr me

Daniel Mc'Duffee Cap^t

To Nicholas Gilman Esq^r

Rochester may y^e 15th 1778

[R. 3-212] [*Major Tebbet's Petition, 1779.*]

[In a petition dated Rochester, March 8th, 1779, Ebenezer stated that he was second major of the second regiment of militia; "That in the Summer last past at the Requisition of the Committee of Safety for said State he raised a number of men & marched with them as Volunteers on the Expedition at Rhode-Island." He stated that he "was on the ground as early as any of the Troops & left it as late," for which he desired to be paid.—ED.]

[R. 3-214] [*Soldiers' Order, 1780.*]

Rochester July 19th 1780

To the paymaster General of the State of newhampshire
Be pleasd to pay unto the Selectmen of the Town of Rochester
the Full of our wagers and other Incoragement that is to Be
given by sade state to Soldiers Enlisted agreeable to an act of
this State out of the Militia For the Term of three months and
in so Doing you Will oblige your Most obedient Humble Ser-
vants

David Wingate

James ^{his} × Emery

Beniah ^{mark} × Doar

Jonathan ^{his mark} × Dore

John ^{his} × Allen

Joseph ^{mark} Clark

Jonathan heard

Thomas Pinkham

Joseph Wingate

Trustram ^{his} × Richards

Jonathan ^{mark his} × Walling-
[ford]

Amos Spencer
Stephen Tebbetts

[R. 3-215] [*Daniel Wingate's Bounty.*]

This may certify all whome it may concern that I the sub-
scriber paid M^r Daniel Wingate Jun^r with other Soldiers £34,
each L. M: as a Town Bounty for three years Service as a Sol-
dier from the 23rd May 1777 for the 3 Ensuing years—

Rochester 14th Feb^y 1783

Eben^r Tebbetts

[R. 3-216.] [*Soldiers' Orders, 1784.*]

To the honorable Committee on Claims now Setting at Exe-
ter or to home it may Concern please to pay the hole of my
wages to John Wingate or to the bearer for twelve months Ser-
vice in the Continantal Army of the United States of america

for 1779 & it will much oblige me your most obedient and humble Servante
Isaac Hanson

Rochester July 5th 1784

Witnesses presente

Jon^a Meserve

Thomas Davs

[R. 3-216]

Rochester September 21th 1784

To the Treasurer of the State New Hampshire

Sir plesse to pay unto Daniel Cook or his order all that is due to me for my late husbands Daniel Alleys sarvises in the Second new Hampshire Reg^t Value Received witness

Lydia Alley

Test Daniel Rogers Samuel Elkins

I hereby Certify that the above signer was the wife & is the Sole heir to the late Daniel Alley who was a Soldier for the Town of Rochester

Josiah Main

town clerk

[Said Alley died of wounds—ED.]

[The following ordered their dues to be paid to Daniel Cook:

Oct. 11, Paul Cook, Joshua Woodman's Company, Col. Reynolds's Reg^t, in 1781, £4-3-4.

Oct. 27, John Perkins, same Co. in 1781, £4-3-4.

Oct. 28, John Palmer, same Co. in 1781, £4-3-4

Dec. 20, Jonathan Purzell, 2^d N. H. Reg^t.

Dec. 9, William Palmer, 2^d N. H. Battalion in 1780.

Dec. 11, Benjamin Perkins, Woodman's Co., Reynolds's Reg^t in 1781, £4-3-4.

Dec. 3, Joseph Clark, same Co. in 1781, £4-3-4.

Oct. 28, Joseph Heard, same Co. in 1781, ordered his dues to be paid to Stephen Wentworth, £4-3-4.

The foregoing all state that they served for Rochester.—ED.]

[R. 3-226] [*Petition of Jotham Nute: addressed to the General Court, Dec. 23, 1789.*]

The Petition of Jotham Nute of Rochester in the County of Strafford humbly Sheweth—

That early in the late Contest between the United States & the Kingdom of Great Britain—he entered the Service of his Country in the Regiment from this State, Commanded by Col^o

George Reid, in which from his Fidelity and good service he was promoted to a Serjeant and continued in the faithful discharge of his duty till the month of July 1781, when in an action with the British Troops near Tarrytown [N. York.], he was wounded in the thigh by a musquet ball, which lodged in his hip, where it still continues. * * * *

Jon^a Rawson Atty to the Petitioner

[R. 3-227 is a certificate from Capt. Jere. Fogg, dated Kensington, Jan. 4, 1790, stating that Sergeant Jotham Nute was in his Company, and was wounded in the hip "in a very severe skirmish near Kingsbridge in which one fifth part of my Party were killed or wounded." Sergeant Nute also presented a discharge dated June 7, 1783, signed by Gen. Washington, in which it was stated that he had been awarded the badge of merit for six years' faithful service. The committee on the examination of invalids recommended that he be pensioned at two dollars per month.—Ed.]

[9-181] [*Relative to Lumber Act, Paper Money, etc.: addressed to the General Assembly, 1785.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers free Holders and Inhabitants of the Town of Rochester, Humbly Sheweth, that we are largely Concerned in Lumber, and we understand your Honours has passed some late acts at your last Session, verry hurtfull, and Injurious to us and we believe to all Other Towns Concerned in the lumber way therefore pray you would repele the act that requires all boards to be Inch thick And Square Edged and Other lumber in propotion And likewise to repeal the acts prohibiting any Vessel Carrying Lumber the Brittish Islands in the West Indies that can procure Brittish papers for that purpose—

And to repeal the Other act with regard to the Duty Layed on tunnage on Ships or Vessells belonging to foreigners which Duty we Look Upon to be Equal to Shuting up our ports against them, but If your Honours Dont see fit to grant the prayer of this Petition Wee would request a paper Currency on a Loan or in Such other way as your wisdom may Direct you to Support the Credit of Said Moneys, as in Duty bound we ever pray—

Rochester Augst 30th 1785

David Place	Jonathan Laighton	Joseph Drown
Abner Hodgdon	Daniel goodwin	Richard Furbur Jun ^r
Ebenezer Place Jun ^r	nehemiah kimbel	Tobias Twombly
Ebenz ^r Place Sen ^r	Solomon Perkins	Jun

Moses Place	Bening Colbroth	John Knowles
Amos Place	Geo : R Downing	Joseph Heard Jun ^r
Joseph Thompson	Ebenezer Varney	Thom ^s Virney
Joseph Thompson	Joseph Bickford	Aaron Downs
Juner	Ebenezer Varney Ju	Gersham Down Jun ^r
Alexander Hodgdon	John Bickford	Wentworth Twombly
Eleazer Hodgdon	Samuel Varney	Moses Downs
Joseph pearl	Moses Varney	Ebenez ^r Ricker J ^r
moses Hammet	John Rawlings	Edmund Tebbets
John Hammet	Anthony Rawlings	Joseph Knight
Dimon Pearl	Joshua Rawlings	Dudley Wentworth
James Young	John Cloutman	Daniel Bruster
Joseph Clark	Eben ^r Twombly	Stephen Wentworth
Tobias Ricker	Isaac Libby	Eleazer Coleman
Cornelius Jenness	George Snell Hayes	James Coleman
Jonathan Place	David Corson	James Rogers Jun ^r
moses waymoth	John Pergon	Moses Horn
Thomas Drew	Jonathan Twombly	Jeams Bery
John Richson	Elijah Horn	John Bery
James Dearing	Benjamin Copps	Willam Bery
Moses Varney	Richard Manson	John Tanner
Jonathan Leighton	William Manson	Abraham Cooke
John Place	Paul Copps	Rich ^d Walker
Jonathan place	Beard Plumer	John Wentworth Jr
Thomas Varny	Enoch Hayes	Hunking Colbroth
Elijah Varney	Daniel Cook	Abraham Cooke Jur
Rubn heard	Nich Wentworth	Reuben Heard
Bnjami meder	David Horn	Jacob Wallingford
Ephraim Ham	John Carr	Morris Alles
Eleazer Ham	Ebenezer Wentworth	Thomas Peavey
James Ham	Daniel Garland	Daniel Peavey
Isaac Brown	Ephraim Twombly	Anthony Peavey
George Place	Daniel Kimbal	David Watson
Moses Roberts	John walker	Edmund Wingate
Ephraim wentworth	John Hanson	Jonathan Morry
William Wentworth	Jeams Edley	Benjamin Chase
Wentworth Hayes	Nathan Nock	Ezekiel Ricker
Daniel McNeal	Mark Miler	Nathnil Jonson
Joshua Merrow	Joseph Chapam	Richard Nutter ju
Josiah Folsom	John wentworth	Joseph Holmes
Edward Rollins	Elihu wintworth	Jonathan wentworth
John Goodwin	Samuel Jennes	Joseph Heard Jun ^r
Benj ^a Odiorne	Garsom Downs Ju ^r	Enoch Hoyt
Paul Harford	Joseph Plumer	Ichabod Corson J ⁿ
Daniel Watsn	David Walanford	Thom ^s Pinkam
Jonathan Heard	Moses hamblin	Jon ^a Pinkam
Richard Hilton		

Ebenezer Horn	—— Knight	John Rand
Benjamin Rollins	Joseph Roberts	John Ham Jun ^r
Ebenezer Ricker	Simon Torr	John Stanton
Joseph Dame	Tim ^o Courson	Daniel Page
Peter Cushing	James m ^e Duffe	Joseph Page
Joshua Knight	Robert Walker	Voletine Ralling
Jonathan Wallingford	David Langley	David Jenness
Stephen Lee	Ephraim Pickens J ^r	Joseph Meader Jnr
Benjamin Hoyt	Jonathan Richards	Winthrop Nutter
John Randale	William Wingate	William Whitehouse
John Ham	Benjamin Varney	Aaron Whitehouse
Timothy Heard	James Chesley	George Meader
Paul Place	John Place Ju ^r	Pelataiah Cartlan
John Musset Place	Thomas Roberts	John Tucker
James Jackson	James Downs	Jacob Hanson
Caleb Jackson	William Palmer	Isaiah Jenkins
Joshua Downing	Sam ^l Nute	Joseph meder
Ephraim Trickey	Isaac Wentworth	Hatevil Loughton
Paul Cook	—— place Jun	Solomon Drown
Timothy Ricker	barnebas Parner	John Drown
william Jones	Richard Wentworth	Joseph Parker
Nathaniel Jones	Peter Horn	natthel meedor
Samuel Palmer	Moses Horn Jun ^r	William Hanson
Robert ——	Joseph Walker	Jonthan Meder
James wentworth	Tristram heard	William hodgdon
thomas Plumer	Nathaniel Heard	Robert Evans
John Glidden	Tristram Heard	James Place
Barnabas Palmer	Jas Adams	Paul Jennes
Gersum downs	Samuel Austin	Samuel Robeson
David Morison	Jacob Elles	Gorge Loughton
John Bickford	Samuel Wingate	timothy Richson
—— Calef	Benj ^a Wingate	Clem hays
John Roberts	Elijah Tebbetts	Stephen harfot
Ephraim Parker	John Trickey	John Davis
Elazar Dam	Samuel Door	Joshua Corson
Joseph Runels	Silas Tebbets	Ebenezer Corson
James Rogers the third	Heard Roberts	Dodavah Garlan
William Huntress	David Tebbets	Dodavah Garlan Jun
Jon ^o Norris	Joseph Tebbets	Jonathan Elles
Joaiah wentworth	Ichabod Cossen	Joshua Elles
Samuel Richards	william Elles	Rich ^d Furber
Timothy Robarts	David Wingate	Benj ^a Furber
Francis meder	Samuel Allen	Robart tebets
Daniel Brewster	Joshua Allen	Bengamin Wentworth
Samuel Plummer	Micah Allen	David Allard
	Samuel Downing	Job Allard
	Stephen Furnald	

Moses goodwin	Benjamin Forse Jun ^r	James Runnels
Zabulon dam	Josiah Main	Jon ^a Bigford
Richerd Parkins	Sam ^l Furbur	James French
Silas Dame	Ephraim Kimbel	Edward Varney
Enoch Brnham	David Twombly	Moses Varney 3d
Lemuel Richardson	Daniel Page	Thom ^s Davise
William M ^c Duffe	Nathanel Garland	James Twombly
John Richards	Benjamin Page	John Palmer
Jon ^a Richard J ^r	Moses Jennes	Amos place

[R. 3-229] [*Lieut. Samuel Nute's Petition.*]

[In a petition dated January, 1790, Jona. Rawson petitions in behalf of Samuel Nute of Rochester for back pay, etc., stating that said Nute was, "on the eleventh day of November 1776, by a Committee of the General Court of this State, appointed a Second Lieutenant in the Regiment from this State Commanded by Col^o Enoch Poor, & was duly Commissioned & served as such till the sixteenth day of September 1777."—ED.]

[R. 3-230] [*Petition of John Tanner: addressed to the General Court, November, 1791.*]

The Petition of John Tanner Humbly Sheweth, that on the 26th day of March 1777 entered on board the Raleigh Frigate under the Command of Thomas Thompson Esq^r as a quarter Master, and on the first of May 1778 was discharged from the said Ship. In the Month of August following your Petitioner Entered on board the Hampden under the Command of Thomas Pickering, Esq^r as Masters Mate, and on the Eighth day of March 1779 in a severe Engagement had the unhappy Misfortune to loose my left arm and much wounded in my side by a shot from the enemy, and in the Month of July 1779 your Petitioner entered on board the same ship under the Command of Cap^t Titus Salter Esq^r as Masters Mate in the service of this State to Pernobcequet, and met with the Misfortune to be taken Prisoner by the Enemy, which was a great damage to me, and after my return in the year 1781—your Petitioner entered on board the Arm Ship General Washington, as Masters Mate, and our ship was unfortunately stove to Pieces in a Hurricane, by which I lost all my Close books & Instruments excepting the Close on me.

* * *

John Tanner

[He petitioned again in November, 1797; and also in June, 1802, at which time he was allowed \$65. In the latter he stated that the ship Gen. Washington was a "Letter of Marque, under the command of Charles Welden Esquire, bound for the Island of Martinique, in which expedition, on the 11th day of October [1780] in a most tremendous hurricane the ship was lost."—ED.]

[9-183] [*Report of a Committee to divide the Town, 1794.*]

Rochester August y^e 28th 1794

We the Subscribers being chosen a Committee by the Inhabitants of Town of Rochester on the second day of June Last to divide said Town of Rochester into three Towns or Parishes, have attended on said Business, viewed the Plan of said Town & heard the Parties from the Different Parts of said Town, & have agreed to report & do report that the division of said Town made by Jonathan Dame Some years ago & accepted by the Inhabitants be not altered for the Several Reasons as follows viz

1st It is our opinion that Said Division made by M^r Dame the Surveyor is as equal & as just as the Nature of the thing will admit

2^{dly} As the first proposed Parish have considered Said Division binding & have built a large Meeting House near the Centre of Said proposed Parish Which is submitted by your Humble Servants

Joseph Badger^{jur}
Sam^l Hale
James Carr

It was put to Vote to See if the Town will accept of the above report and it was Voted in the affirmative a true Copy attest Josiah Main Town Clerk

[9-182] [*Report of a Committee on Division of the Town, 1794.*]

By virtue of a Vote of the Town of Rochester we have Run out & marked the Lines between the new Proposed Towns or Parishes as follows—

Beginning at Barrington line in a Heath 22 Rods North westerly from the out let of Pickerel pond where we marked & Set up a Stake Call^d N^o 1 from which we run north 46 Degrees

East a cross the Second Division Lott number 49 over a large Rock mark^d with a cross thence on s^d Course through Joseph Meeders land So as Just to leave his house on the East of Said line to Meedersborough Road Thence on the South Easterly Side lines of lotts N^o 34, 31, 44, 47, 54 & 51. Then North 45 degrees East from the North East Corner of the 2 Division lot N^o 51 over Run through the fourth Division a little to the west of George Hayes house over a large ledge of rocks on the Brow of the Hill near Salmonfalls River which rocks we marked and Call^d N^o 2 and run S^d Course to the River makeing marks & Setting up monuments by the roads and other necessary places which we made for the Head line of the lower Town or parish—

Then we began on S^d line at the Suppos^d North East Corner of the Second Division N^o 51 where we Set up a pile of rocks & Call^d N^o 3 from which we run about North west at the Northerly end of the Second Division Numbered 51, 52, 79, 80, 81, 102 & 103 to the third Division. leaving the four Rod Road to the North of Said line and run on the North west through the third Divisions N^o 6, 5, & 38 to Middleton line over a large pine Stump & a rock which we marked with Sundry letters & marks and Call^d N^o 4 being a few Rods to the Southwest of the new Road leading from Middleton by Samuel Loughtons—Run out this 13th day of Novem^{br} 1794

By

Ichabod Corsson	} Lott Layers
Rich ^d Dame	
Daniel Hayes	

Voted to Accept of the Return of the Committee for the Running of the within lines

A true Copy from Rochester Book of Records

attest

Josiah Main Town Clerk

[9-184] [*Petition for an Incorporation of the North-West Parish: addressed to the General Court, 1798.*]

Humbly shew—

We the subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Rochester in the County of Strafford, and of that part of said Rochester commonly called the North West Parish, that sometime previous to the year Seventeen hundred Ninety four the Inhabitants of the said Town of Rochester at a legal Meeting warned for that purpose unanimously voted that the said town should be divided into three towns and a Committee was accordingly chosen to run, and make out the Lines of the several proposed towns aforesaid, pursuant to which Vote the said Committee ran out

said proposed towns, a Copy of whose return Accompanies this Petition

That afterwards at a legal meeting of said town in the year Seventeen hundred Ninety four the said town appointed the Hon^{ble} Joseph Badger Jun^r Samuel Hale and James Carr Esq^{rs} as a Committee out of town to reconsider of the Lines aforesaid, and make such alterations therein as they should think proper or to establish the old Lines as they should think most convenient for said town and proposed towns, which Committee afterwards on the twenty Eighth day of August in the same year met and examined the Lines aforesaid and reported that the former Lines and division be established as the boundaries of the several proposed towns, which report was afterwards at a legal meeting of said town Voted unanimously to be accepted—We the said Inhabitants further shew, that there were in said North West Parish the last Year rendered in the Towns Inventory, one hundred and seventy six rateable Poles, residing within the Limits of the said parish, that a great proportion of that number, have to go as many as twelve Miles to Attend town meetings and business, and by far the greater part, not less than Eight miles;

That the unwieldy Situation of said town when met in their Town Meetings amounting frequently to such a number as renders it almost impossible to do the town business with any kind of regularity or dispatch—

For these reasons and many others which might be mentioned, we the subscribers Inhabitants as aforesaid, humbly pray your Honours that the said North West Parish comprehended within the Lines and divisions before alluded to, may be incorporated as a town with town privileges, and such measures taken to organize and incorporate the same, as to your Honours may seem meet And as in duty bound your Petitioners will pray—

Rochester June 6th A D 1798

Ichabod Hayes	Moses Hanson	Gilbert French
Daniel Hayes	Rich ^d Furber Jr	Edmund French
John Ham	Robart Berry	Moses Hayes
Nathanel Watson Ju	Jonathan Furber	Samul Knowles
Winthrop glidden	Daniel Varney	James French
Benj ⁿ Jones	James Nutter	timothy Stepan
Ichabod Hayes	David Watson Jur	David Roberts
thomas Davis	Samul Hodgson	Samuel Holmes
David french	semul Ran	Samuel Gray
Daniel Peevy Ju	W ^m Wingate	John Walker
Danell Seavey	Eph ^m Perkins Ju	Rich ^d Hodgdon
Benja Read	David French Jur	Job Allard
Hunking Colbroth	Amos Place	Will ^m Allard

Joshua Watson	John Downs Jun ^r	Danul Coney
John Robinson	John Roberts	Samuel Drown
Valintine Sergent	James Downs	Benj Ham
John Locke	Edmund Wingate	Samuel HOLEMS
Joseph Holmes	Jonathan Watson	Jonath Wentworth J ^r
Samuel Varney	Theodore Furber	William Whithous
William Ham	Stephen Clark	John Beeck
Moses Varney	David Watson	Samuel Beeck
Joseph Emerson	Mark Read	John Murry
Thomas Leathers	Charles Knight	Eben ^r Horn J ^r
Timo ^r Dame	William Knight	Jonathan —
Daniel Hayes	Winthrop Colath	Abaraham Nute
Wentworth Hayes	Enoch Burnam	Isaac Libby
William Leighton	James Knowles	Hanson Libby
Samuel Varney	Edward Knight	Jeremah Hodgdon
Sam ^l Furber	Reuben Cano	Ely Sumer
Peter Akerman	Robert Evans	Joseph young
Samuel Hayes	Richard Caverly	Thomas Ham
Simon Green	Stephen French	Joseph Thompson
Benjamin Furber	Edward Varney	Joseph Thompson
Peter Akerman Ju ^r	John Caverly	Samual Twombly

[In H. of Rep., June 13, 1798, a hearing was ordered for the next session, and the matter came up Nov. 28, at which time the petition was granted. The west parish was set off and incorporated into a town by the name of Farmington, Dec. 1, 1798.—ED.]

[9-185] [*Rochester Town-Meeting relative to a Division of the Town, 1798.*]

The following are the proceedings of the Town of Rochester in Consequence of the Order of Court relative to the Division of said Town—

“ State of Newhampshire Strafford ss

The Legal voters of the Town of Rochester are hereby Notified of a Public Town meeting to be holden in the Courthouse in s^d Town on Monday the 27th Day of this Instant August at two o’ th Clock in the afternoon for the following purposes

1st To choose a moderator to Govern s^d Meeting—

3^{dly} To see what Method the Town will take with respect to a petition to the General Court from the South West Parish (so Call^d) for an Incorporation of said Parish and the order of Court thereon

By Order of the Selectmen—

Edward Rollins, Constable

Rochester August 6th 1798.”

“ At A Legal Town Meeting holden in Rochester on Monday the 27th Day of August 1798

1st Aaron Wingate Esq^r Chosen Moderator

3^{dly} It was put to vote to see if the Town will Consent that the South West Parish So Call^d in this Town Should be Incorporated as a Seperate Town by themselves, agreable to the former lines, and Voted in the affirmative.”

A True Copy of the Proceedings of town of Rochester relative to the Incorporation of the South west Parish (So Call^d)

Attest—

Josiah Main Town Clerk

Examin^d & return^d by

Rich^d Dame } Select men
Jonas C March } of Rochester

Rochester Nov^r 13th 1798

[9-186] [*Petition for Incorporation of the Congregational Society, 1799.*]

Humbly shew—

The subscribers Selectmen of the town of Rochester for the year 1799, that the Congregational Society in the town of Rochester commonly called the first parish in said town has always hitherto been and continued unincorporated; that many inconveniences result to them from their continuing in that situation. Wherefore they pray that an act for the purpose of incorporating said parish by the name of the First parish in Rochester, may be passed under such regulations as you in your wisdom may think reasonable and just, and as in duty bound will ever pray—

Rochester June 3, 1799.

Rich^d Dame } In behalf of said town
Beard Plumer } and Selectmen of
Joshua Allen } the same

[9-186¼] [*Petition from the North Part to be set off: addressed to the General Court, 1802.*]

Humbly Sheweth Your Petitioners Inhabitants of that part of Rochester call^d the North Parish, that as early as the Year 1774 the Town of Rochester at a Legal Meeting, voted that it was expedient to Divide the Town into three Seperate Towns or Parishes, and then voted where the Division lines should be, Since that time have erected and Compleated a meeting house solely for the accomodation and Conveniency of the south Par-

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The rate of reaction is defined as the change in concentration of a reactant or product per unit time. It can be determined by measuring the change in concentration of a reactant or product over a known period of time. The rate of reaction is influenced by several factors, including temperature, concentration, and the presence of a catalyst. Theories of reaction rates, such as the collision theory and the transition state theory, provide a more detailed understanding of the factors that influence the rate of reaction.

The rate of reaction is also influenced by the surface area of the reactants and the nature of the reactants. The rate of reaction can be increased by increasing the surface area of the reactants or by using a catalyst. The rate of reaction can also be decreased by decreasing the surface area of the reactants or by using an inhibitor. The rate of reaction is an important factor in many chemical processes, and it is essential to understand the factors that influence it in order to control the rate of reaction in a given process.

ish—that in the Year 1793 some parts of the Town Complain^d that the Division lines were not equal and right, A meeting was call'd, and the Town voted to refer the Subject to a respectable Disinterested Committee who reported in favor of the former lines agreed upon and establish^d by the Town which report was accepted by the town—that in the Year 1798, application was made by the Inhabitants of the west Parish, to the Honourable Legislature of the State, for an Act of incorporation, agreeably to the abovesaid lines, which was Granted. by reason of said Act the town at present is Divided into two parts, that only Corners one upon the other a bout 150 rods—that many of your Petitioners has to travel twelve and some fifteen miles to attend meetings for the public worship of god and to transact town business—And many other inconveniencies are experienced by your Petitioners by reason of their being in an unincorporated State—

we therefore pray your Honours to incorporate all that part of Rochester that lies between Farmington and the Easterley line of the State into a Seperate and Acting town with town Priveledges so as to enable the Inhabitants to assess Collect and appropriate money for Civil and Religious purposes—this we apprehend will have a happy tendency to promote good order unite and harmonize the whole and make us better men and more useful Citizens—and will we hope add a respectable town to the State of New Hampshire

As we in Duty bound Shall ever pray

Rochester May 28th 1802

Benjamin Scate	Francis Drew	James Berry
James C. Hayes	Paul Jewett	Jeremiah Goodwin
Elijah Horn	John witham	Henry Rollins
Thomas Nutter	Humphry Goodwin	Henery Rollings
Joseph Plumer	John Remick Junr	W ^m Corson
Moses Chamberlin	Sam ^l Chapman	Nath ^l Jewett
James M ^c Geoch	Isaac Braeket	Nat. Pinkham
John Hanson	Abraham Dearborn	William W Lord
Richard Miller	Joseph Dearborn	Benjamin Jones
Shadrach Hard	Nathaniel Dearborn	Samuel Twombly
Nathaniel Gilman	William Berry	Jotham Ham
Benj ^a Haggins	James Berry Jr	Joseph Cook

Samuel ^{his} X Wentworth Jun^r

Shubel Roberts	Dudley Burnham	Gilman Jewett
Stephen Jennes	John Twombly	Lias Ricker
Francis Berry	Ernest Corson	Ebenezer Ricker
Joseph Berry	Otis Pinkham	Daniel Dore
James Merrow	Francis Nute	Josiah Willey

Obadiah Witham	Samuel Nute Jr	Robert McGeoch
Gershom Wentworth	William Tuttle	Nicholas Hartford
Ruben Jones	Robert Mathes	Samuel Nute
John Jones	Clement Hayes	John Ricker
Josiah Witham	W ^m Palmer	Wentworth Cook
Amos Witham	John Palmer	Gershom Downs
Samuel J Wentworth	Dudley Palmer	Samuel Palmer
David Wentworth	Ephraim Drew	Peltiah Hanscom
Timothy Roberts	John Scates	Levi Jones
John Wentworth	Ephraim Twombly	Richard walker
Jerediah Ricker	John Remick	John Twombly
Lemuel Ricker	Davied Corson	Ichabod Hayes
William Hatch	Frederick cate	Caleb Wingate
John Downs	John fifield	Daniel Hayes J ^r
Stephen Wentworth	Robert Heart	Jotham Nute
Jun ^r	william Jones	Ezekiel Hays
Samuel Twombly J ^r	Joshua Corson	Joseph Walker
	Richard Horn	
	Jonathan Dore	

[The petition was granted, the territory set off, and incorporated into a town by the name of Milton, June 11, 1802.—ED.]

[9-186½] [*Consent of Town to foregoing.*]

At a Legal Town meeting holden in Rochester on Monday the 31st Day of May 1802

agreeable to the first article in the Notification it was unanimously Voted that the Inhabitants of the Northe East part So Call^d beginning at the South East end of Farmington by John Trickeys Land North forty Six Degrees East to Salmon falls River have the approbation of the town to petition the general Court to be Set off a Seperate or Distinct town they haveing no objection to their being Set off

a true Copy attest

Josiah Main Town Clerk

ROXBURY.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to procure the formation of this town in 1796 from portions of Packersfield (Nelson), Dublin, and Marlborough. A committee appoint-

ed to examine the premises reported favorably, but it met with opposition from the towns it was to be taken from, and the scheme was defeated.

A petition from the inhabitants "of the southwest part of Packersfield, north part of Marlborough, and east part of Keene," presented to the legislature in 1812, asking to be incorporated into a town, was successful, the territory asked for being incorporated December 9 of that year as a town by the name of Roxbury.

June 15, 1820, Samuel Griffin and his estate were severed from Nelson, and annexed to this town.

By an act passed July 1, 1868, the entire town of Roxbury was annexed to Keene: *Providing*, said act should be adopted by a majority vote in each town. The act, however, was not adopted, and Roxbury remains as it was.

[9-187] [*Petition for an Incorporation, 1796.*]

Your Petitioners inhabiting the south west part of Packersfield, the North part of Marlboro—and North-west part of Dublin—

Humbly Shew

That they live very remote from the Center, but more so from the Meeting-Houses of their respective Towns—

That the situation is such by reason of distance & bad Roads, that they cannot attend Public Worship &c. with any convenience—

That they are destitute of many Town preveliges. That some of their duties, as members of the several Towns are very burdensom—

That the Town of Packersfield, has voted off a Tract of Land at the south west corner thereof and Marlboro—has voted off a Tract at the North End therof for the purpose of making a Township—

That what has been voted off (in their opinion) is inadequate to make a Township—

That your Petitioners have Petitioned the several Towns for a small addition to said grants, but without success—

That if the Tract of Land already voted off, with the addition of a small piece of Packersfield, Marlboro, and Dublin, might be Incorporated a distinct Township it would be highly advantageous to your Petitioners and the Public Interest.—

The Prayer of this their humble Petition, therefore is, that

your Honors would appoint a Committee to Examine the said Premises, at the Cost of your Petitioners—

And your Petitioners further pray, that the Committee so appointed might be directed (if after due examination they Should think it reasonable to make a Township as afore said) to fix the Bounderies and make their report to the Honorable General Court, to be holden in June next—

And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Lott Cooke in behalf of the

Petitioners—

9th Dec. 1796—

[The petition was referred to a committee, who reported as follows :—ED.]

[9-188] [*Report of Committee, 1797.*]

your Committee appointed in December the 8, 1796 to take into Consideration & view the Situation of the Southwest part of Peckersfield and the North part of Marlborough & the Northwest part of Dublin as Set forth in the Petition of Lott Cooke and others.

Report as followeth,

Having Explored the above mentioned towns & the Situation of the premises pray^d for in the aforeS^d Petition are of opinion, that the prayer thereof be granted So far as that thay be incorporated as a town according to the Descriptions following

Begining at the Southerly Corner of Sullivan then running Easterly till it Strikes the East line of Lot number Six in the fifth Range of Lots in the town of Peckersfild then running Southerly on S^d line till it Strikes the Norwest corner of Lot N^o 7 in the 2^d Range of Lotts in Peckersfield, then running Easterly on the North Line of the 2^d Range till it Strikes Breeds pond so called then Southerly till it Strikes Dublin line, then on the north line of Dublin Easterdly till it comes to the northeastly corner of Lot N^o 19 in the 10 Rang, thence Southerly on Sd line till it Strikes the Southerly corner of Lot N^o 19 in the 7 Rang in S^d Dublin then Running Westerly on S^d line till it Strikes Marlborough East line, then taking thre ranges of Lotts of the north End of Marlborough including two gores of Land one on the north line and the other on the west line of S^d Marlborough against Sd Ranges, and from the norwest corner of Marlborough on the west line of Peckersfield to Sullivan

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South Line then Easterly on Sullivan South Line to the first mentioned bounds

Dublin Apreel. 12. 1797

all which is Submitted by your Committee—

Nath^l Emerson
Benj^a Prescott

[The plan met with opposition, and was defeated in June following. See introduction.—Ed.]

RUMNEY.

The township was granted Oct. 4, 1761, to Samuel Olmstead and others, and regranted to Daniel Brainard and others, March 18, 1767, with the same boundaries as the first grant. Settlements were made in the fall of 1765, by Jonathan Cummings, and in the following year by James Heath, Daniel Brainard, and Moses Smart.

A return made by the selectmen Oct. 28, 1775, stated that the town had eleven men in the army. The bounds of Rumney were established in 1784. (See Vol. XI, p. 729.)

Rumney and Wentworth Union school-district was established by an act approved June 22, 1842, and an amendment passed June 28, 1847, defined its boundaries.

John Stark and Amos Eastman were captured by the Indians while hunting on territory now in this town, April 28, 1752. David Stinson, of Londonderry, who was with them, was killed; his name is perpetuated in Stinson mountain, Stinson brook, and Stinson pond.

[9-189] [*Statement of Grievances: addressed to the Assembly, 1770.*]

The humble petition of us the subscribers being proprietors & inhabitants of the town of Rumney in said province most humbly sheweth That Daniel Brainard of Rumney aforesaid Esq claims & votes upon the major part of said Township in all proprietary meetings and as the law of this province allows every person to vote according to the quantity of his interest

the said Brainard makes use of his power to oppress & injure your Petitioners in the following instances. viz^t

First they cannot obtain a Committee to examine what mony has been raised by said propriety & how the same hath been collected & how expended: and the petitioners suggest that a large ballance is in the hands of said Brainard.

Secondly. The province road is neglected to be sufficiently repaired altho sufficient mony has been voted for that purpose & your petitioners have paid their part in labour.

Thirdly. No Settlement is made with the Rev^d Mr Niles the minister of said town for four years past.

Fourthly. The intervale is not equally divided.

Fifthly. The publick rights are not laid out.

Sixthly. The said Brainard hath not built the mills according to his agreem^t altho he hath received your petitioners mony for that purpose & no Committee can be obtained to Call him to an account.

Seventhly. The said Brainard against the will of your Petitioners hath voted away two whole shares of land in said town to his friends

Wherefore your Petitioners pray the advisement of your Excellency & Honours on the premises & that they may be relieved as shall seem meet:

And your petitioners as in Duty bound shall pray &^{ca}—

Rumney, May 4th 1770.

Thomas Niles	Richard Smart	John Clifford
Caleb Kimball	Hugh Ramsey	Jonathan hall
Barnabas Niles	Elihu Johnson	William Webber
Pelatiah Watson	Charles Clark	William Presson
Isaiah Bachelder	Isaac Clifford	Thomas Ramsey
Isaac clifford Jr	Ma ^{tt} Ramsey	Nathaniel Hall

[In H. of Rep., Jan. 8, 1771, a hearing was ordered for the next session.—ED.]

[9-190] [*Committee appointed to procure Arms and Ammunition, 1776.*]

Colony of Newhampshier Rumney June the 29th 1776—

at a meeting held this Day Voted to Send Major Alexander Craige, and M^r Michael Dwyer to provide arms and Ammunition to Supply the inhabitants of this town and to act and pursue Such Measures as the shall think most Effectual to accomplish the matter above Mentioned in order to Defend our Lives

Liberties and properties Against the incursion of the Enemy on our frontiers, Likewise we bind ourselves to the S^d Craige and Dwyer to Discharge unto them as Soon as the Return, the price and Cost of S^d arms & ammunition with all other Charges Which may Arise pertaining to the Same By order of the Committee

Ma^{tt} Ramsay

Chairman—

[9-191] [*Petition for a Supply of Arms and Ammunition, 1776.*]

Rumney June the 29th 1776—

Whereas we are alarmed with the News, that the Enemy is like to make incursions on our frontiers, the inhabitants of this town, hath at a meeting Called for that purpose Voted to Send Major Alexander Craige and M^r Michael Dwyer to provide arms & amunition for S^d town, in order to be in Readiness to assist our frontier Brethren to Defend our Lives Liberties and properties We therefore pray the Honorable Committee of Safety of this Colony to Supply the above Deligates with what the think is Sufficient to supply S^d inhabitants By order of the Committee

Ma^{tt} Ramsay Chairman

	£	
14 Stands of Arms a	3 per D ^o —	£42
60 ^{lb} w ^t of Powder a	6/ per lb —	18
180 D ^o of Lead		7, 2, 6
100 flints		6, 0
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		£67, 8, 6

the Above is a Calculation of What arms and amunition is wanted to Supply the Township of Rumney

[9-193] [*Certificate in favor of Peter Mahew, 1779.*]

This May Certify that Peter Mahew is a Person, who we are well acquainted with, and of Undoubted Character, and Served in the Service of the United States, as an Interpreter, also in other employ, we recommend him to the Honorable Council and Representatives of the State of New Hampshire Convened at Exeter to take his Petition into Consideration, the Place he now Lives on being of little Value, and for the future he may

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be of great Service, he understanding both the English and French Language—The Person who was the right Owner having proved Himself an Enemy to the States, and said Mahew a Loyal Subject—

26th Feb^r 1779

Jacob Bayley
Alexander Craig
Thomas Niles
Charles Clark } Select men
Michael Dwyer } of Rumney
Moses Dow
David Hobart
Sam^l Emerson
David Webster
Ma^{tt} Ramsey
Joseph Senter

[The petition referred to is No. 192, and is a request to have his title confirmed to some land situate in Rumney that he purchased of Stephen Holland, of Londonderry.—ED.]

[9-194] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

We the Subscribers certify that in the Town of Rumney there is fifty Male Persons of the age of twenty one years and Upwards paying for themselves a Poll tax

Rumney 8th Decem^r A D 1783

Abraham Burnham } Select
Dan^l Brainerd Jr } Men

[R. 3-235] [*Soldiers' Order, 1780.*]

Exeter April 13th 1780.

Pleas to charge me with Eight hundred dollars towards depreciation & credit the same to L^t Col^o H. Dearborn he having paid me that sum in money this day—

W^m: Presson Serg^t

To the Committee on Soldiers acc^{ts}

Presson belongs to Rumney

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work during the year. It is followed by a detailed account of the various projects and the results achieved.

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[R. 3-236]

[*Soldier's Receipt.*]

Received of the Committee of Supplys to Soldiers famelies in the town of Rumney Tenn Pounds It Being What the town Rais^d Last Annuil Meeting for the Supplies of the family of Thomas Pitts a Soldier in the Newhamshir Line During the War—

I Say Receiv^d the above Sum to my full Satisfaction

Rumney December 21th 1781

^{her}
Sarah X Pitts
^{mark}

Wife of the above Thomas Pitts

attest Benjimen Whitemore Levi Wyman

[Prov. & Rev. Papers, p. 157.]

Samuel Holland Esq—his Land Tax in Rumney

Feb^y 1785 £21-9-0

This may Certifie that their is Rais^d 33 S on Each original undivided Right in Charter in the Township of Rumney By the Proprietors of s^d Township and that the following Rights are now the Property of Samuel Holland Esq, now an absentee as appears by the County Records

Henry Champion	£1-13-0	Ebenezer Spencer	£1-13-0
Francis Lock ½ right	0-16-6	Aaron Breaneard	1-13-0
Icabod Olmstead	1-13-0	Daniel Breaneard	1-13-0
James Heath	1-13-0	Alexander Craige	1-13-0
Moses Smart	1-13-0	Christopher Holmes	1-13-0
Joseph Arnold ½ right	0-16-6	Edmond Elliot	1-13-0
Charles Clarke	1-13-0	Timothy Boge	1-13-0
		£21-9-0	

Zebadee Berry } assessors for the
Edward Everett } Proprietors of Rumney

Rumney Feb 17-1785

[9-195]

[*Petition for a Magistrate, 1785.*]

to the honorable general Court in New hamshier Seting in Concord

gentlemen we the Subscribers beg the faver of haveing A nother justice of the peace in this town by labouring under a

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disadvantage by his being absent At sundry times we are obliged to leave the town for the want of another Justice of the peace therefore we desire your honours If you see fit to grant us this faver—

Rumney October the 18 A D 1785

Charles Clark
Thomas Newman
W^m Presson
Thomes Ramsey
Matthew Ramsey
Jonathan Clark
John Doe

Reuben Doe
Elisha Smart
John weeks
Ebenezer Brainerd
Timothy Townrshend
Amos Stevens
Daniell Smart

[February 27, 1786, Major Alexander Craige was appointed justice of the peace, and Capt. Abraham Burnham was appointed coroner for the county of Grafton.—ED.]

[9-196] [*Petition for Authority to Raise Money by Special Tax: addressed to the Legislature, January 17, 1791.*]

The Petition of the Select Men of Rumney in behalf of the Inhabitants thereof humbly shew that the Publick road through said Town is very bad and much out of repair and that the Inhabitants thereof have made and kept in repair Roads and Bridges therein much beyond their ability and whereas it is for the Publick good as well as for the Inhabitants and adjacent Towns that some new road or roads be made therein—Your Petitioners

therefore In behalf of said Inhabitants humbly pray your Honors to grant a Tax of two pence on each acre of land in said Rumney, which is now laid out and appropriated. publick lands excepted for the sole purpose of making & repairing roads and bridges therein one Moiety thereof to be laid out on the now Publick or main road through said Town the other Moiety or half of said Tax to be laid out on the back road if to be spaired otherwise where the Select men of said Rumney for the time being may direct and your Petitioners as in Duty bound will pray

Abrah^m Burnh^m } Select
Charles Clark } Men

[The foregoing petition was granted by an act passed June 17, 1791.—ED.]

R Y E.

Settlements were made on territory now in this town as early as 1635. It was called Sandy Beach for some years, and was connected with Portsmouth until the incorporation of New Castle, May 30, 1693, and was thenceforth a part of the last named town until separated by an act passed April 30, 1726, and, in connection with portions of Portsmouth and Hampton, incorporated as "a parish by the name of Rye."* By this act Rye was to send a representative to the assembly, and the selectmen for that year were to be William Seavey, Jr., Samuel Brackett, Joshua Foss, Richard Goss, Joseph Philbrook, John Garland, Richard Jenness, Lieut. William Lock, and Joseph Lock. The town elected Richard Jenness to the assembly the same year.

December 17, 1763, an act was passed appointing Francis Jenness, Ozem Dowse, Joseph Brown, James Mardin, and Jeremiah Lock as a committee to construct a wharf to prevent the tide from destroying Sandy Beach.

All that part of New Castle situated on the south-west side of the river was annexed to this town by an act passed Dec. 22, 1791.

An act was passed Dec. 17, 1792, appointing James Hill of New Market, Jeremiah Batchelder of Kensington, and Joshua Weeks of Greenland, a committee to "establish and fix the line between said parish of North Hampton and the parish of Rye." The report of said committee, which is recorded in Charter Records, Vol. 4, p. 257, was to be conclusive.

By an act approved July 20, 1876, the town of Gosport was annexed to this town.

Rye contains about one third of the sea-coast of the state, on which are some fine beaches, which are much frequented in summer.

[9-197] [*Petition for Authority to raise Money by Lottery to drain a Pond: addressed to the Assembly, Dec. 31, 1756.*]

Humbly Sheweth Joses Philbrook of the Parish of rye that there is a Pond in Said Parish called the Little boars-head Pond

* For petition, see Vol. IX, pp. 735 to 740.

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Scituate about forty rods from Sea Shore which by Cutting a Canal from the Sea at or near Fox Hill so Called to the Pond would open a Communication with the Sea & the Said Canal being Secured with rocks (which is feezable) would open a retreat for any Small Vessells where they might Anchor with Safety & would be of great Service to Coasters & fishermen—Especialy such as should be caught in the Bay with an Easterly Wind—

That your Memorialist has Attempted the opening such a Canal in the Place afore Said with out any asstance but finding it would be too Expensive to be at the Charge of Compleating the whole without some Aid Desisted Imagining a Thing of such Publick advantage would meet with Publick Encouragement—

Wherefore he humbly Prays that he may so far have the Countenance of the Governmt as to be Indulged with the Liberty of raising (by way of Lottery) such a Sum as will Enable him to Perfect the said work the said Lottery to be under such rules and Directions as your Excellency & Hon^{rs} Shall think Proper—

Your Petitioner is humbly of Oppinion that he could (upon being Admitted) give your Excellency & Hon^{rs} Convincing Arguments to prove not only the great advantage such an Inlet would be to the Publick but also the feezableness of its being made Passable & Durable this Granted your Petitioner as In Duty bound Shall ever Pray &c

Joses Philbrick

[In H. of Rep., Feb. 18, 1757, the following scheme was presented and accepted. Hunking Wentworth and Elliot Vaughan were appointed managers, to which the council added William Knight and William Earle Treadwell.—ED.]

[9-198]

[*Lottery Scheme.*]

A Scheme to Raise by way of Lottery the Sum of Six Thousand Pounds Old Tenor agreeable to vote of the Gen^l Assembly for Opening a Harbour at Rye—Viz^t—

6000 Tickets a £ 6— £36000

1500 Prizes

4500 Blanks

6000

Prizes Viz^t—

2 of £1000—	£2000
2— 750—	1500
4— 500—	2000
6— 250—	1500
10— 100—	1000
33— 50—	1650
100— 30—	3000
150— 20—	3000
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307	15650
1193— 12—	14316
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1500 Prizes	29966
Allowed profit	6000
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	35966
Charges of Printing	34
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	£36000

The Above Calculation is three Blanks to One prize & Subject to no Deduction

[9-200] [*Alleged illegal Election, 1775.*]

Colony of New Hampshire—

To the honorable Provincial Congress to be held at Exeter 21st day of Decem^r 1775—

The Humble Petition of us the Subscribers Freeholders and Inhabitants of Rye in the County of Rockingham Shews that M^r Nathan Goss of said Rye Carpenter at a Meeting of the freeholders and Inhabitants of said Rye held there the Eleventh day of this Instant by indirect ways and means obtained the majority of the Votes of said Inhabitants appointing him as a Delegate of said Congress, the said Goss having no real Estate in this Colony to qualify him for that important Trust

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that the said Goss may be dismissed and that the Inhabitants of said Rye may be admitted to a new Choice—And your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray &c

Rye Decem^r 15th 1775

ozem Doust	Nehemiah Moulton	William Berry Junr
Francis Jenness	Arter Libbey	William Berry
Joseph Jenness	Henry Elkins	Nathan Towl
Jonathan Towl Jun ^r	Samuel Elkins	Nicholas Dolbeer

Richard Brown	Reuben moulton	Joseph Brown
Titus Philbrick	Simon Lampere	abraham Libbee
Sam ^l Jenness	Richard Jenness	William Seavey
Samuel Wells	Sam ^l Jenness Junr	James Lock
Simon Jenness	Job Jennes	John Jenness Ju ^r
Jonathan Goss	Job Jennes Jun ^r	Joseph Lock
Job Brown	Joseph Sevey	Jacob Tebbts
James Hobbs	Joseph Rand	Jonathan Jenness
Sam ^l Huntriss	Francis Jenness Jun ^r	John Jenness
Stephen Dolbeer	Rich ^d Jenness Jun ^r	Amos Pain
Rich ^d Jenness 3 ^d	Jeremiah Berry	
Benjamin Libbey	Joseph Rand Jun ^r	

[The petition was not granted. Nathan Goss was "allowed to take his seat."—ED.]

[R. 3-237] [*Jonathan Philbrick, Soldier, 1760.*]

[In a petition dated March 24, 1761, James Philbrick stated that his son Jonathan was in the province service as a private under Capt. Jeremiah Marston in the expedition against Canada in 1760; that he was taken sick at Crown Point. He asked for an allowance to pay for getting him home, and for the services of Dr. John Weeks of Hampton, which was granted to the extent or £4, 10s. sterling.—ED.]

[R. 3-240] [*Joseph Towle, Soldier, 1761.*]

[In a petition dated Feb. 4, 1761, Jonathan Towle stated that his son Joseph was in the province service under the command of Capt. George March, in the expedition against Canada, and died on the way home, and "Everything he had was lost." He asked for an allowance, which was not granted.—ED.]

[R. 3-241] [*Samuel and Nathaniel Marden, Soldiers.*]

Nathaniel Marden and Samuel Marden, In the year 1775 ware sick eight or ten days and Samuel Marden died being in the American servis and under Doctor hall Jacksons Care and the nursing of Samuel Marden 0-18-0 and Nathanel nursing 1-0-0

Witness—

Abraham Libbee

Nathanel Marden

Marget ^{her} X marden
mark

[They were in Capt. Joseph Parsons's company, Wingate's regiment.—ED.]

[R. 3-244.] [*Rand's Enlistment, 1776.*]

Rye March the 4 1776

We the Subscribers Dwe in List in the american Servis Vnder Mr Nathaniel Rand for oueir Captain or Lefnt

John ^{his} X ^{mark} ordua	Elijah Tucker	James Royin
timothy Berey	Gashiem Loubmey	Stephen Barton
James Lock	Nath ^l Harris	Leevey Gooss
noar Shirboun	Henry Long	Nathaniel Jording
Solomon Verell	Eleck ^{his} X ^{mark} Lear Jun	John Trefethern Jur
Benjamin marden Jur	Willm Gibes	Stephen Lawry
John Rand	Jonathan Dow	Job foss
James Seavey	William Trefethin	Joseph Yeaton
Joshua Rand	Nathl L. Tucker	John Rand
John ^{his} X ^{mark} Verill	Alexander Morrison	John Rand 3 ^d
William Rand	Henry Shapley	Edward Rendell
mark Rendell	Nathaniel Lear	William Yeaton
Samuel Hunt	Peter grant	Samuel Rand
Samuel Molton	Tob ^s Trundy	Nathaniel Tucker
Samuel Morrison	Joseph Rand	Jur
Rich ^d Rand	Thomas Lang	George Rendell
Eleck Lear	John Lear	Joseph horl
	John Blunt	

[R. 3-246] [*Soldiers' Orders.*]

Rye April the 16th 1781.

To Nicklos Gilman Esq^r tresuery of the State of New hampsher, Ples to Pay my wagers to Jeremiah Lock Esq^r as they shall Becom Due to me as a Contnental Solger and you will oblig yours to Serv

Sam^l Jenness

William gregory

[R. 3-247]

Rye Dec^r 9th 1784.

To the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire.

Sir. Please to pay Ben I.— or order all that is due to me I

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having been a Soldier in the 3^d New Hampshire Reg^t Value Received, Witness my hand

William ^{his} X Wallice
mark

Attest. John Haines John Nicholls

[R. 3-248] [*Peter Akerman, Soldier, 1777.*]

To the Honourable the General Court conven'd at Portsmouth this 7th day of June A D 1785—

The Petition of Peter Akerman of Rye in the State of New-hampshire and County of Rockingham Humbly shews that your Petitioner Enlisted a Soldier in Capt. Beel's Company Col^l Scamels Reg^t in the year 1777 for the term of three years that on the 19th of September 1777 at the Battle at Bemous's Heights your petitioner was wounded by a Musket Ball entering in at his Elbow and coming out at his Shoulder. * * * *

Rye June y^e 7th 1785

Peter Akerman

[Dr. Hall Jackson certified the truth of the foregoing, and the legislature voted him twenty shillings per month until further orders.—ED.]

[Rev. Pap. p. 55] [*Rye men in Col. Nathan Hale's Batt.*]

Joseph Lock,	age	22,	Capt. Bell's Co.
Jonathan Lock,	"	20,	" Blodgett's Co.
Abraham Clifford	"	22,	" " "

[9-201] [*Relative to Continental Soldiers: addressed to the General Court, June 10, 1783.*]

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Rye in the State aforesaid Humbly shews—That your Petitioners at the commencement of the Late War had their Proportion of Continental Soldiers Liquidated to them according to the Number of Polls in S^d Parish which made their Quota for the three Regiments twenty one Men—Afterwards when the other Regulation took place and every Town sent their Men according to the tax they paid (which we conceive is the only equitable Way) your Petitioners Quota for two Regiments was Eleven Men which makes it Evident their Proportion for three Regiments at the most wou'd have been but Sixteen Men and one half—Therefore we had three Men and one half in the Service for three

1901. The following is a list of the names of the members of the Society who have been elected to the office of President for the year 1901.

1. Dr. J. H. Green

2. Dr. W. H. Jones

3. Dr. R. H. Smith

4. Dr. T. H. Brown

5. Dr. C. H. White

6. Dr. F. H. Black

7. Dr. G. H. Grey

8. Dr. I. H. Gold

9. Dr. L. H. Silver

10. Dr. M. H. Wood

11. Dr. N. H. Stone

12. Dr. O. H. Reed

13. Dr. P. H. Cook

14. Dr. Q. H. Baker

15. Dr. R. H. Miller

16. Dr. S. H. Hall

17. Dr. T. H. Ward

18. Dr. U. H. Young

19. Dr. V. H. Allen

Years more than our just Proportion And were also oblig'd to send out the Militia in the same proportion which put us to such an Expende as we have never been able to extricate ourselves from to the present Day—Your Petitioners conceiv'd at the Time it was more than their Equitable Proportion yet imprest with a Zeal to serve their Country they without hesitation raised every Man except one and sent them into the Service—

Afterwards when by the misfortunes of War we were deficient four Men the Honourable Court order'd us by a Resolve

To raise s^d Men or pay into the Treasury of this State Eight Hundred Dollars which sum we are utterly unable to pay—We trust your Honours upon Examination will find if the above representation be fact which we are ready to prove that we have had three Men and one half in the Service for three Years more than our Just proportion and are deficient four Men the remaining part of the Time by which it appears we have had more than our full proportion of Men in the Service during the War Comparing one Time with another

Also by being a Frontier Town we were expos'd to the frequent insults of the Enemy and were oblig'd to guard the Sea Coast a Considerable time at our own expence, besides a Number of our Seafaring men engag'd on board Continental Ships and others of private Property which depriv'd us of their Assistance and threw an additional Burden upon us—as we have always been ready to assist even beyond our Abilities in bringing about this important Era we wou'd by no means shrink back or endeavour to throw any part of the Burden from our Shoulders on others but are entirely willing to pay our full part of the Expence—but no more

Relying on the justness of our Cause Your Petitioners humbly pray your Honours wou'd take the same into your serious Consideration and remit the foregoing Sum or redress them in Such Way as you in you great Wisdom shall see meet and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

Joseph Persons	} Select Men
David Lock	
Isaac Dow	

At a Legal Meeting of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Parish of Rye conven'd at the Meeting-house in S^d Parish on Monday the Ninth Day of June A. D. 1783—

Voted that the Selectmen Present the within Petition to the general Court and that a Copy of this Vote be inserted on the Back of the Petition

True Copy Attest Joseph Parsons Clerk P. T.

[9-202] [*Samuel Jenness, for a Magistrate: addressed to the President and Council, 1784.*]

We your Humble Petitioners Shews that whereas Samuel Jenness Esq^r of Rye in the State aforesaid and County of Rockingham has been one of our Justices of the Peace for about Twelve Years and in Particular through the Difficulties of the Late War and as there has nothing appeared against his Conduct in that office we your Humble Petitioners prayes that he may be Renewed under the New Constitution and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound will ever Pray—

Rye January 20th 1784

Joseph Rand	William Bary	Simon Jenness
Nathan Knowles	John Webster	Frances Jenness
Samuel Daves	thomas Lang	Joseph Rand
Jacob Beary	Samuel Walles	Joseph Rand Jun ^r
Richard Brown	Abraham Libbey	Tristram Sleeper
Jonathan Lock Jun ^r	John Jenness	Ruben Moulton
Samuel Walles	William Trefetheren	Jonathan Towl
David Lock	Robord Sanders Jun ^r	Samuel Towle
Isaac Dow	Enemiah Moulton	Stepen Rand
Levi Goss	Joseph Jenness	Jeremiah Brown
William Seavey	Rich ^d Webster	Samuel Smith
Samuel Morreson	Jonathan Jenness	Henry Elkins
Jonathan Jenness	Joseph Seavey	Rich ^d Jenness
Jun ^r	Levi Jenness	John Jenness
Jonathan Lock	Benjamin Marden	Nathanel Jenness
Benjamin Jenness	John Doust	Nathanel Jenness
Frances Jenness Jun ^r	Osem Doust	Jun ^r
Job Foss	Richard Jenness 3 ^d	Ruben Philbrock
Robord Sanders	Rich ^d Jenness Jun ^r	Peter Jenness
Abraham Mathas	Joseph yeaton	John Jenness 3 ^d
Samuel Rand	Peter Johnson Jun ^r	James Brown
Daniel Seavey	John Foss	Job Jenness
Dowst Rand	Bickford Lang	John Brown
Nathanel Rand	Jeremiah Barry	Eliger Lock
Ebenezer Walles	Benjamin Marden	William Lock
Daneil Mason	Nathanel Tucker	Simon Jonson
Walles Foss	Isrel Rand	Peter Garland
William yeaton	Edward Hall	Neckles Dolbey
Timothy Berey	William Tucker	John Garland
Gorge Randell	Joseph Hall	Benjamin Garland

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FROM 1789 TO 1884

The history of the United States of America from 1789 to 1884 is a story of growth and development. It is a story of the struggle for independence, of the formation of a new government, and of the expansion of the nation's territory. It is a story of the triumph of the American people over adversity and of the realization of the American dream.

1789	September 17	Constitution of the United States signed
1791	September 17	Bill of Rights adopted
1793	September 26	First Congress of the United States convened
1794	September 26	First Congress of the United States adjourns
1795	September 26	Second Congress of the United States convened
1796	September 26	Second Congress of the United States adjourns
1797	September 26	Third Congress of the United States convened
1798	September 26	Third Congress of the United States adjourns
1799	September 26	Fourth Congress of the United States convened
1800	September 26	Fourth Congress of the United States adjourns
1801	September 26	Fifth Congress of the United States convened
1802	September 26	Fifth Congress of the United States adjourns
1803	September 26	Sixth Congress of the United States convened
1804	September 26	Sixth Congress of the United States adjourns
1805	September 26	Seventh Congress of the United States convened
1806	September 26	Seventh Congress of the United States adjourns
1807	September 26	Eighth Congress of the United States convened
1808	September 26	Eighth Congress of the United States adjourns
1809	September 26	Ninth Congress of the United States convened
1810	September 26	Ninth Congress of the United States adjourns
1811	September 26	Tenth Congress of the United States convened
1812	September 26	Tenth Congress of the United States adjourns
1813	September 26	Eleventh Congress of the United States convened
1814	September 26	Eleventh Congress of the United States adjourns
1815	September 26	Twelfth Congress of the United States convened
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1817	September 26	Thirteenth Congress of the United States convened
1818	September 26	Thirteenth Congress of the United States adjourns
1819	September 26	Fourteenth Congress of the United States convened
1820	September 26	Fourteenth Congress of the United States adjourns
1821	September 26	Fifteenth Congress of the United States convened
1822	September 26	Fifteenth Congress of the United States adjourns
1823	September 26	Sixteenth Congress of the United States convened
1824	September 26	Sixteenth Congress of the United States adjourns
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1826	September 26	Seventeenth Congress of the United States adjourns
1827	September 26	Eighteenth Congress of the United States convened
1828	September 26	Eighteenth Congress of the United States adjourns
1829	September 26	Nineteenth Congress of the United States convened
1830	September 26	Nineteenth Congress of the United States adjourns
1831	September 26	Twentieth Congress of the United States convened
1832	September 26	Twentieth Congress of the United States adjourns
1833	September 26	Twenty-first Congress of the United States convened
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1835	September 26	Twenty-second Congress of the United States convened
1836	September 26	Twenty-second Congress of the United States adjourns
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1839	September 26	Twenty-fourth Congress of the United States convened
1840	September 26	Twenty-fourth Congress of the United States adjourns
1841	September 26	Twenty-fifth Congress of the United States convened
1842	September 26	Twenty-fifth Congress of the United States adjourns
1843	September 26	Twenty-sixth Congress of the United States convened
1844	September 26	Twenty-sixth Congress of the United States adjourns
1845	September 26	Twenty-seventh Congress of the United States convened
1846	September 26	Twenty-seventh Congress of the United States adjourns
1847	September 26	Twenty-eighth Congress of the United States convened
1848	September 26	Twenty-eighth Congress of the United States adjourns
1849	September 26	Twenty-ninth Congress of the United States convened
1850	September 26	Twenty-ninth Congress of the United States adjourns
1851	September 26	Thirtieth Congress of the United States convened
1852	September 26	Thirtieth Congress of the United States adjourns
1853	September 26	Thirty-first Congress of the United States convened
1854	September 26	Thirty-first Congress of the United States adjourns
1855	September 26	Thirty-second Congress of the United States convened
1856	September 26	Thirty-second Congress of the United States adjourns
1857	September 26	Thirty-third Congress of the United States convened
1858	September 26	Thirty-third Congress of the United States adjourns
1859	September 26	Thirty-fourth Congress of the United States convened
1860	September 26	Thirty-fourth Congress of the United States adjourns
1861	September 26	Thirty-fifth Congress of the United States convened
1862	September 26	Thirty-fifth Congress of the United States adjourns
1863	September 26	Thirty-sixth Congress of the United States convened
1864	September 26	Thirty-sixth Congress of the United States adjourns
1865	September 26	Thirty-seventh Congress of the United States convened
1866	September 26	Thirty-seventh Congress of the United States adjourns
1867	September 26	Thirty-eighth Congress of the United States convened
1868	September 26	Thirty-eighth Congress of the United States adjourns
1869	September 26	Thirty-ninth Congress of the United States convened
1870	September 26	Thirty-ninth Congress of the United States adjourns
1871	September 26	Fortieth Congress of the United States convened
1872	September 26	Fortieth Congress of the United States adjourns
1873	September 26	Forty-first Congress of the United States convened
1874	September 26	Forty-first Congress of the United States adjourns
1875	September 26	Forty-second Congress of the United States convened
1876	September 26	Forty-second Congress of the United States adjourns
1877	September 26	Forty-third Congress of the United States convened
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1879	September 26	Forty-fourth Congress of the United States convened
1880	September 26	Forty-fourth Congress of the United States adjourns
1881	September 26	Forty-fifth Congress of the United States convened
1882	September 26	Forty-fifth Congress of the United States adjourns
1883	September 26	Forty-sixth Congress of the United States convened
1884	September 26	Forty-sixth Congress of the United States adjourns

[9-203] [*Relative to the Representative Class: addressed to the General Court, Nov. 9, 1784.*]

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Rye Humbly shews

That the Parish of Rye when the Constitution took place was annex'd to the Town of Newcastle in Representation which they find to be very inconvenient expensive and injurious to the Town on many Accounts There being no Bridge renders the passing and repassing from one Town to the other very difficult and at some times almost impracticable Besides under the old Constitution they always had the liberty of sending A Representative and they want but a very few of the Number of Rateable Polls assigned them in the Constitution to enable them to send one They also conceive their is a Clause provided in the Constitution which will entitle your Petitioners to send A Representative without being clas'd with any other Town—

Your Petitioners Humbly pray your Honours wou'd take their Case into your serious consideration and discontinue the connection between them and the Town of Newcastle that Your Petitioners may have the Liberty of sending a Representative by themselves and your Petitioners as in duty Bound will ever pray &c

Levi Jenness	Joseph Philbrick	Jonathan Philbrick
Jonathan Jenness	Nicholas Dolbeer	Nathaniel foos
John Foss	Peter Johnson Jun ^r	Samuel Elkins
John Garland	Rich ^d Lock Jun ^r	John Varrell
James Perkins	Thomas Lang	Joseph Man Ju ^r
Sam ^l Knowls	Jonathan Hobbs	Joseph Philbrick Jun ^r
Rich ^d Webster	Sam ^l Lebbee	Rich ^d Brown
Peter Jenness	Simon Johnson	James Brown
Joseph Parsons	Rich ^d Jenness 3 ^d	Benjamin Mardin
David Lock	Jonathan Lock Jun ^r	Jun ^r
Nathan Goss	Eleck Lear	John Jenness
Timothy Berry	John Seavey	George Rand
Joseph Rand	George Randall	Isaac Dow
Joseph Garland	Sam ^l Morison	Simon Jenness
James Goss	Will ^m Yeaton	EBenezer Berry
Joseph Lock	Nathan kowls	Nat ^l Foss Jun ^r
Elijah Lock Jun ^r	Isaac Seveay	Sam ^l Berry
James T Berry	Samuel Wallis Jur ^r	Ebenezer Walliss
Peter Johnson	Jeremiah Berry	James hobbs
John Garland	Henry Elkins	Joseph Rand
Jonathan Lock	Reuben Moulton	Nathanil marden
Benjamin Garland	Levi Goss	Abraham Libbey
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George Randell	William Lock	

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[9-204] [*Report of a Committee on laying out a Road, 1784.*]

We the Subscribers Appointed by the hon^{ble} Court of General Sessions of the peace to lay out a Road from that which runs by Rye Meetinghouse to Long lane (so Called) have done the Same in the following Manner Viz^t Beginning at the South East Corner of Land of Samuel Rand & Benjamin Marden thence running on the Easterly side of said Land North about 31 degrees west So Rods thence North 15 Degrees west through a Corner of Samuel Dowse Foss's Land leaving as Much of a Corner of said Rand and Mardens Land into said Foss's Land on this point 11 Rods—to be fenced by the Parish of Rye thence Northwest About 40 Degrees So Rods to Portsm^o Line—Which Road we have laid Out two Rods wide & have Estimated the Land being two Acres & Twenty two Rods at Ten pounds Ten Shillings to be paid to the said Rand & Marden by the Parish of Rye—The removing and building 171 Rods of Fence to be done & paid by the said Parish of Rye—From the said Portsmouth Line we proceeded North about 47 Degrees West on the Easterly side of Mark Langs Land 173½ Rods thence on the same Course on the Easterly side of Sherburnes Land 121 Rods to the said Long lane Road—It Appeared to us that there was a Priviledge of a Road three Rods wide from said Long Lane to New Castle & Portsmouth Line Nearly in the same place where we have laid out said Road and we have Estimated the making 173½ Rods of Fence at Thirty pounds to be paid to M^r Mark Lang by the Town of Portsmouth and the Making 121 Rods of Fence at Twenty one pounds three shillings to be paid to said Sherburne by said Town of Portsmouth—May 5th 1784—

W^m Weeks
Ephraim Pickering
Joseph Dow

A Copy Att^d N Emery Jun^r Clerk pro Tem
Js. Peace

[9-205] [*Petition relative to Military Grievances: addressed to the General Court, Feb. 9, 1785.*]

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Rye Humbly shews—That your Petitioners by Virtue of an Act passed the last Session of the General Assembly were dissolved from their Connection with the first Reg^t in this State and Joind with the Reg^t Commanded by Col^l Moulton which is very inconvenient to the Town in many respects—Your Petitioners before the

commencement of the late War were an Independent Company —after the War began they were join'd to the 1st Reg^t which though it was not so agreeable to the Town yet considering the difficulty of the Times they acquies'd in it and wou'd still have remained happy in their Station had not your Honours seen cause to have alter'd their situation which besides other inconveniences it maketh our travel more than Double Your Petitioners can't conceive the Reason why they shou'd be singled out as the only Time-serving Company in the State this being the fifth Time they have been shifted about from one Reg^t and Station to another which they conceive has not been the Case with any other Company in this State or even on the Continent —Being conscious that they have always discharged their Duty in every Measure that tended to the public Good they Imagine the Method now adopted will be a means of breaking up the peace and good Order that now subsists in the town—Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honours wou'd restore them to the Station they were in before the War in being an Independent Company as they conceive there is the same reason for their being an Independent Company now there was then (as they never forfeited the Birth—) But if that shou'd be found inconsistent with the public Weal your Petitioners pray they may have the Liberty of reuniting with the 1st Reg^t again or if your Honours for any particular Reason shou'd not see cause to grant the prayer of this petition your Petitioners pray they may have a Day thereon and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

Joseph Parsons	Beniamin Marden	Abraham Libbee
Nathaniel Rand	Steven Marden	Josep Rand
Joseph Seavey	Alexander Salter	John Garland
John Webster	George Rendall	Joseph Libbe
Daniel Fitsgreald	Jotham Berry	Joshep Rand Jun ^r
William Verill	george Rendall Jun ^r	Levi Jenness
Thomas Rand	William yeaten	Jacob Brry
John Rand	nathaniel Foss	Benjamin Jenness
Levi Goss	Abraham Mathews	Isaac Dow
Ebenezer Seavey	Samuel Libbee	William Lock
Samuel Lear	Joseph Rand	Richard Lock
Benjamin Lear	Thomas Lang	Simon Jenness
eleck Lear	Sam ^l Walliss Jun ^r	Joseph Lock Jun ^r
Joshua Rand	John Varrill	Peter Garland
James Seavey	Ebenezer walliss	John Garland Juner
Robert Sanders Jun ^r	Daniel Mason	Jonathan Garland
James Seavy Jun ^r	Dudley Norton	Simon Garland
John Seavy	Nehemiah Molten	Simon Garland Jun
Amos Seavey	Samuel Morrison	Josph Garland

Samuel Wallies	Peter Akerman	John Garland
James Seavey	Jeremiah Berry	Nathan Knowls
William Seavey	Levi Berry	John Knowls
John Foye	Jonathan Hobbs	Nathan Goss
william Berry	Solomon Berry	Elijah Lock
Robert Sanders	James Hobbs	Joseph Philbrick
Simon Knowles	Benjamin Garland	Job Jenness
William Sanders	Aons Garland	Rich ^d Jenness Jun
John Foss	James T. Berry	John Browne
Job Foss	Benjamin Marden Ju ^r	John Lock
Joseph Hall	James Goss	David Smith
Israel Rand	Jonathan Lock	Sam ^l Elkens
Edward Hall	John Lock	Sam ^l Jenness
Richard Green	Jonathan Lock Ju ^r	John Jenness Jur
Timothy Berry	Merefield Berry	Peter Jenness
Edward Varrell	Ebenezer Berry	Jonathan Jenness
Joseph Yeaten	Samuel wells	James brown
Rich ^d Webster	John dowst	Jonathan wedgwood
Nathaniel Marden	Jonathan dowst	James Dow
iuner	Richard Jenness 3	Joseph Jenness
William Trefethen	Nicholas Dolbeer	Nathanail Rand Jun
Josiah Webster	John Lang	
William Marden	Bickford Lang	

SALEM.

The town was incorporated by the governor and council May 11, 1750, and comprised a portion of the territory which had previously been known as the "Haverhill district," and the territory severed from Methuen and Dracut, Mass., by the settlement of the province line. The petition for incorporation may be found in Vol. IX, p. 749. Previous to its incorporation it had existed as a district, by virtue of an act passed March 18, 1741-'42, which applied to all territory taken from Massachusetts towns by the settlement of said line, until it was incorporated into, or annexed to, towns in New Hampshire.

A dispute arising between Salem and Windham, concerning the line between the two towns, was settled by the governor and council by an instrument dated January 9, 1752, establishing a new line.

Salem man in First New Hampshire Regiment: Moses Heath enlisted April 6, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

[9-211] [*Relative to formation of Counties: addressed to the General Assembly, 1769.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers being Inhabitants of the Town of Salem in Said Province, Most Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioners being Informed, that the Province is about being divided into Counties for the ease and Benefit of the Inhabitants in General, In transacting their Business of a Publick Nature, And being also Informed that the General Assembly have Voted a small County, to be Set off adjacent to the West-erly Side of Merrimack River. Your Petitioners pray that the Towns of Bow Chester Londonderry Pelham Plastow Salem Hampstead & Sandown which lay Conveniently situated to said County may be Annexed thereto, as would Save the most of the Inhabitants of Said Towns thirty Miles travel in transacting their Business with the Courts Judges of Probates Registers &c. And no other Person whatsoever would as your Petitioners Conceive be Injured thereby—And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray &c—

Evan Jones	Stephen wheeler	James Gregg
Richard Kimball	Stephen Wheeler Jr	John Clement
Daniel Peasle	Jon ^a Wheeler	Rob ^t young
Abel Chase	John Johnson	Arron Copp
Daniel Massey	william wheeler	John Rowell
Benj ^a wheeler	John Cross	Oliver Dow
Abijah Wheeler	Joseph ordway	
Jonathan Massey	Samuel ordway	

[Other petitions of the same nature contain the following:]

Robert Spear	Will Smith Jur	Nathan Hesseltine
Richard Kelly	Joseph merrill	Daniel Hesselton
Nathan Webster	Isarel Ober	Nathll webster
Hasadiah Woodbery	Ebenezer Page	John Baley Juner
Eben ^r Woodbery	Abbit Pettengill	moses Baley
Hugh Campbl	Daniel Hardy	Joshua Emerson Ju ^r
Jonathan Woodbery	Timothy Merrill	Seth Patee
Joseph Hull	Amos Merrill	Jerediah Patee
John Smith	Jonathan Baley	Nath ^l Merrell
Arter Corkwood	Rapha Hall	Rich ^d Patee
Ebenezer Hall	W ^m Leech	Edw ^d Patee
Benj ⁿ Nesmith	David Hall	Oliver Kimball
John Bradford	John Jaques	Peter Merrill
Israel Woodbery	John Jaques Juer	James Clough
John Woodbery	thomas Runnels	Benoni Rowell

Simon Bradford	John Hall	Asa Rowell
William Thom	Joshua Hall	Philip Rowell
Elisha woodbery	Oliver Kimball jur	John Allen
Timothy Lankaster	David Nevians	Philip Clement
Asa Colles	Derry & Chester, &c	Sam ^l Clement
John Lowel juner	Tho ^s Douglass	Israel young
Joseph Cresey	W ^m Sanders	Nath ^l Woodman
Jonathan Colles jun	Nath ^l Dow	Caleb Duston
Richard Thisell	Jeremiah Dow	Daniel Gorden
Jona ⁿ Frye	Oliver Sanders	John Currier
Jesse merril	Richard Dow	Johnson Hulehon
John Giles	Asa Dow	Abraham Ames
John Ellinwood	Rich ^d Cresey	Alexnder Gordon
thomas mackglath- lon	Timothy Emerson	Job Corliss
John moorland	Daniel Bedel	Emil webster
Willam moorland	Jacob Bedel	George Corliss
Wi ^l Gordin	John Currier Ju ^r	William Corliss
William Smith	Joshua Sanders	Amos Dow
Joshua heath	Jonathan Terry	Samuel Kelley
peter morrill jun	James Hastings	Richard Dow J ^r
Daniel Corlis	Daniel Ladd	James Jones
Wimon Clough	Stephen Currier	Sam ^l Sanders
David Heath	John Kelly	Joseph Sanders
Jonathan Corlis	John Lowell	Peter Patee
Morse Corlis	John Bayley	W ^m Clement
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John Corning	Thomas silver	Josiah Rowell Junr
Abial Asten	Jonathan Hesseltnie	
	Samuel Hilton	

[9-214] [*Relative to Service in the Army, 1778. Names of Soldiers furnished.*]

The Petition of Richard Dow of Salem in the County of Rockingham in Said State Esq^r Agent for the inhabitants of Said Salem—Humbly Sheweth—That the Said inhabitants being Sensible of the Justice & importance of the Grand American cause and the Expediency of the present Opposition of the United States against the Bloody & unrelenting hand of British Tyranny; & the Necessity not only of Each State but the Several Towns; & even individuals in the Respective States to raise their full Proportion of men for filling up the Continental Army & other Requisitions for the Support of Such opposition—Have at all times cheerfully exerted themselves to comply with every order & Requisition for those purposes, and notwithstanding many Embarrasments have heretofore been able to

Table 1: Summary of Data	
Category	Value
Item 1	100
Item 2	200
Item 3	300
Item 4	400
Item 5	500
Item 6	600
Item 7	700
Item 8	800
Item 9	900
Item 10	1000

The following table provides a detailed breakdown of the data presented in Table 1. Each row represents a specific item, and the corresponding value is listed in the right-hand column. The values range from 100 to 1000, increasing in increments of 100. This data is used for further analysis and reporting.

furnish their full Quota of men and taxes without delay, and upon every alarm turned out a very large proportion of Volunteers in the Cause of their Country—That orders were issued for raising twenty five men to Serve as Soldiers in the three New Hampshire Reg^{ts} in the Continental Army for three years or during the war—Upon which Said Inhabitants with great Difficulty & Expence, in due time, procur^d twenty two of Said men who Serv^d in the Continental Army the last years Campaign—That contrary to the Resolves of this State & the State of the Massachusetts Bay, five able bodied Effective men have inlisted & now are Soldiers in the Continental Reg^{ts} Raised by the Said State of Massachusetts Bay—(viz.) John McNeill in Cap^t Hustons Company. John Howard, uncertain in whose Company & both of Coln^l Crains Reg^t Nath^l Woodbury in Cap^t Billy Porters Company & the late Coln^l Francis^s Reg^t, James Berry in Cap^t Marshalls company in Coln^o Marshalls Reg^t & Enoch Bailey, uncertain whose Reg^t he belongs to; which has drain^d of Every man from amongst us that could be Spar^d without great injury to the Town—That the families of three of the Aforesaid Soldiers are chargeable to the Inhabitants of Said Town in such Manner that notwithstanding the charity of individuals, which has been very considerable the Expence has not been less than fifteen Dollars p^r week for many months past, and the Charges are likely to increase, without the least Prospect of Assistance from the Soldiers to whom those families respectively belong—all which has hitherto prevented Said inhabitants from procuring the other three Soldiers required of them by the orders aforesaid—

Wherefore your Petitioner in his Capacity aforesaid, without troubling your Honours with any larger detail of Grievances, begs leave humbly to pray That this Honourable Court would take the Premises into your wise consideration & Direct Some method of procedure whereby the aforesaid Soldiers may be allowed as part of the Quota of Said Town of Salem in Such Sort & manner as that Said Inhabitants may be Released from procuring those three Soldiers for making up and Compleating twenty five as afores^d or any other way and Manner that your Honr^s Shall See good to Relieve the Said inhabitants and your Petitioner, Agent as aforesaid As in duty bound will ever pray &c

Richard Dow

[R. 3-249] [Petition of John Balch, by Jacob Bayley, his attorney, who stated that he enlisted in the army in 1759, in Captain Bayley's company; was taken sick at Albany, and was discharged in August. He asked to have an allowance to pay Dr. Symonds Baker for attendance.—ED.]

[R. 3-252] [Daniel Peaslee, administrator of the estate of John Beadle, of Salem, stated that said Beadle was in the army in 1760, took the small-pox, and died. He asked for an allowance for the expenses of his sickness. Petition was dated May 27, 1762.—ED.]

[R. 3-253] [*Soldiers' Orders, 1778.*]

To Col^o Gilman treasurer Genearal Ples to Pay to Cap^t Jeremiah Dow my ration money for my Servis in the Campaign at Stilwater in the year 1777 I Being in Col^o Drakes Ridgerment & Cap^t Jesse Pages Company & you will oblidge yours

Abijah Wheeler Lieut.

Salem November y^o 16: 1778

[R. 3-254]

Salem in New Hamshir March 6th 1778. mr. Nick Gilman Steate treasury Sur plesse to pay to Cap^t Jeremiah Dow my Beliten and rosians and twile A Blige yours to sarve

Benj^a Hall

[R. 3-255] [*Petition of Aaron Copp, Soldier, 1779.*]

To the Honb^l the Council & house of Representatives for said State—

Humbly Sheweth, Aaron Copp of Salem in said state that your petitioner engaged in the service of the United states for three years, in Captⁿ Stones Company in Col^o Scammels Reg^t and being in Battle at Bemus's heights near Still water on the 7th of October 1777 received a wound in his arm which rendered him unfit for service, on account of which he received a furlow on the 23^d of Nov^r following, and after his Return home was at considerable expense with Surgeons, & for Board, as will appear by the accounts herewith exhibited, and after being healed of said wound Returned to the army—but being then unfit for duty was discharged from said Service on y^e 21st of May 1779.

* * * * *

Exeter Nov^r 5th 1779.

[He was enrolled on the half-pay list.—ED.]

[R. 3-258]

[Emerson Corliss, of Salem, in a petition dated Dec. 16, 1794, stated that he was heir to Jonathan Corliss, who was with the army on the retreat from Canada, and sustained sundry losses for which he wanted pay.—ED.]

[Rev. Pap. p. 55.] [*Salem Man in Col. Nathan Hale's 2d N. H. Battalion.*]

Solomon Cole, age 35, Capt. Robinson's Co.

[9-215] [*Petition for Incorporation of the Baptist Society: addressed to the General Court.*]

The peteiton of Richard Kimball Jearns Webster and others the subscribers inhabitation of the town of Salem County and State aforesaid and in its vicinity most humbly shew that thay with thare famielies and each of them have long since ben and still continue to be of that religos perswaision Called Baptists that thay have for many years paid and Suported at thare one Expençe an orthodox Minister of that princable who was installed over the church and congregation and officiated as Such untill he wos Called by the providance of God to leave this world and in order and for the incouragement of a nother pious and orthodox Minister to Settle among us as well to regulate our internal affairs as a Religos Society ought to be governed and for other pies and Lardable purpuses we and each of us most humbly suplycate your Honors that we and each of us may be incorporated into a Society in Salem aforesaid by the Name Stile and title of the Baptist christian Society to have and to hold all the Powers Rights priveliges as other incorporated churches and Congregations professing the christion Religion in the State aforesaid possessis and retains and as in Duty bound will ever pray

Rich ^d Kimball	Isaiah Wheeler	Samuel Marbel
James Webster	Nathaniel Woodman	Asa Corless
Philip Rowell	Richard Wheeler	John Saunders
Oliver Sanders	Richard Kimball Jr	Luke Woodberry
Jacob Rowell	Jonathan Wheeler	Jonathan Patee
Abner Woodman	Lemuel Rowell	Jonathan Cross
Silas Wheeler	Nathaniel kelley	David Wheeler
Enoch Merrill	Joseph harries	Aaron Copp
Warren Wheeler	Ebenezer Woodbery	Oliver Dow Jur

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Particulars	Amount	Total
Salaries and wages	100,000	100,000
Grants-in-aid	50,000	50,000
Interest on loans	20,000	20,000
Depreciation	10,000	10,000
Other charges	5,000	5,000
Total	185,000	185,000

Joseph Hull	John Woodbery	Edmund Chase
Amos Wheeler	John Page	Israel woodbery
Samuel Rowell	Dudley Bayley	
Rawlings Webster	Bena Rawlings	

[9-216] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

A Return of the Male Poles from 21 y^{rs} & upwards for the
Town of Salem Footed 235

Dated Salem Dec^{br} 15 1783

Abbit Pettengill } Select men
William Thom } for Salem

[Sworn to before Timothy Ladd, justice of the peace.
Ed.]

[9-221] [*Petition to have an Election set aside, 1783.*]

Humbly Sheweth the Subscribers inhabitation of the Town of Salem in said State that at their meeting for the electing a Representative the Present year they proceeded in their Said meeting without any Regard to the oath of Said State appointed to be taken by a Law of said state by the Electors previous to their voting in any Town meetings that any & all persons voted in said Election as well those whoe had not taken Said oath as those who had & your petitioners are of opinion that many more vots were thrown by those who had not taken Said oath than by those who had & therefore they are of opinion that Said meeting & election are altogether Contrary to law & null and void wherefore your petitioners pray that Said Election may be enquired into & if the same is found to be illegal that they may have another precept in order that they may be Represented in Said Court agreeable to the laws of Said State and your petitioners as in Duty bound may ever Pray &c

Dated Salem february 13 : 1783

Mathew Tayler	William Duty	Samuel Webster
Samuel kelley	Thad ^s Butler	Timothy Swan
David Bursiel	Rob ^t Young	John messer
Simeon Clement	Stephen Currier	Benja Woodbery
Thomas Dow	John Kelly	David messer
Abner Woodman	Will Somes Kelly	Elijah Hall
John Johnson	John Lowel	William woodbery
John Spafford	John Bailly	John Lowel juner

Received of the Treasurer of the County of ...
the sum of ... Dollars ...

For ...

Witness my hand and seal of office this ... day of ... 1890

County of ... State of ...

Attest my hand and seal of office this ... day of ... 1890

Notary Public for the State of ...

I, the undersigned, Notary Public for the State of ... do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the ... as the same appears from the records of the ... in my office.

Notary Public for the State of ...

Witness my hand and seal of office this ... day of ... 1890	Witness my hand and seal of office this ... day of ... 1890	Witness my hand and seal of office this ... day of ... 1890
County of ... State of ...	County of ... State of ...	County of ... State of ...
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Stephen Wheeler	Jonathan Bayley	Jonathan Hesseltine
James Webster	Samuel Ayer	Jr
Silus wheeler	William Ayer	william Clough ir
Dudley Bayley	Nath ^l webster	Asa Pettengill
Jonathan Massey	william clough	Danil Hesseltine
Israel Woodbery	Wooster Emerson	Danil Hesseltine
Moody Morse	Nath ^l merrill	Jonathan Pettengill
Evan Jones	John Bayley iuner	
Oliver Kimball	John merrill iu	

[9-217] [*Relative to an Election, 1783.*]

Sir The Subscribers Selectmen &c of Salem having been informed that they were So very unhappy when before the Honb^l house Yesterday, as not to State the facts & Communicate their Ideas Respecting the Number of Quallifid Voters that Gave their Suffrages for Cap^t Allen in his late Election in a manner so intellegeble as to be properly Understood therefore beg leave Through Your Hon^r to State To the Hon^{ble} House the following Explanation Viz—that at the Said Election there was about Twenty Seven Jurors Or persons that had taken y^e Oath of Allegiance that Gave there Suffrages for Said Allen—and there ware But About Seventeen Votes for Any Other Persons what Soever Except what were for Said Allen & Not more than one to the Best of our Knoledge of the Number last mentioned that had Taken the s^d Oath—This explanation we adjudged was Our Dutey to Give to The Hon^{bl} Court—& hope it will Not be Disagreeable

we are with Sentiments of Esteem your Hon^s Most Obed^t Servants—

Exete^r 27 Feb^r 1783

Wm Thom Moderator
 Abbit Pettengill } Selectmen
 Tho^s Runels }
 Phinehas Gorden Town Clerk

Hon^s Speaker of the Hon^{bl} house of Representatives

[9-218] [*Relative to the Election of John Allen as Representative: addressed to H. of Rep., 1783.*]

The Subscribers freeholders & inhabetence of the Town of Salem in S^d State having been Informd that a few Persons belonging to S^d Salem have Exhibited to your Hon^a objections a

gainst the Choice of Cap^t John Allen being Representative for S^d Town in the house of Representatives for S^d State alledging that S^d Choice was Illegall and that the Ellectors who voted in S^d Choice Not being Duly Quallified as by the Law of S^d State is Diracted Respecting which the Subscribers beg Leave to Suggest to your Hon^{rs} that most Part of those who have Joynd in the objections are a mongst those who have Not here to fore Quallified them Selves to be voters by Taking the oath of Elidgence and wee Reasonably Suppose object to the Choice Meaning to Disturbe the harmoney that Subsisit amongst us that the Inhabetence of S^d Town Proceeded in S^d Choice of Cap^t allen in all Respects a Greable to what we under Stood to be the Law of S^d State and that if there was the Least vereation from Law in their proceeding Respecting it it oregonated Intirely from a want of Information and Not from the Least Intimation of Casting Contempt on the Laws or othority of S^d State and there fore the Subscribers Humbly Request your Hon^{rs} Not to Set a Side S^d Choice of Cap^t allen and that he may Continue to Represente S^d Town in the Gen^l assembly which will Not only prevent a vast Deal of Troble & Expence to S^d Town but will very much Oblige your Hon^{rs} most obedt Humble Serv^{ts}—

John Ellenwood	John Moreland	Asa Corlles
David Hall	James Moorland	Wyman Clough
Joseph Bowls	Lawrence Burkley	Josiah Clough
Reuben Bowls	James mc glaughlon	Josiah Thissel
William Smith	thomas mc glaugh-	Richard thissel
Elisha Woodbery	lon	John Hall
William Smith Jr	Solomon Smith	
Daniel Silver	Francis Smith	

[Other petitions for the same purpose contained the following :—Ed.]

Richard Clement	Benj ^a Bixby	Joshua Baley Ju ^r
John Clement	Timothy Duston	Heman amy
Rob ^t Ellingwood	Joshua Hall	George Amy
Richard Kelly	James Hastings	Alexander Gorden
Israel ober	Junior	Edward Patee
Samuel Johnson	James Hastings	John mars Baley
Peter Duston	Richard Kiley Ju ^r	Stephen Duston
Asa Rowell	John lankester	Ebenezer Duston
Joshua Bayley	Simon Johnson	wiliam Clement
Simon Bradford	Thomas Douglass	Philip Rowell
William Bradford	David Nevens	Nathan Asten
Zech woodbery	John Smith Juner	peter Asten

The first part of the paper is devoted to a general discussion of the problem of the origin of life. It is shown that the problem is not only a scientific one, but also a philosophical one. The scientific aspect of the problem is concerned with the question of how life arose from non-life. The philosophical aspect is concerned with the question of whether life is a necessary part of the universe or whether it is a mere accident. The author argues that the scientific aspect of the problem is more important than the philosophical aspect. He shows that the scientific aspect of the problem is a problem of the first order of importance, while the philosophical aspect is a problem of the second order of importance.

1. The origin of life	2. The origin of the first living organisms	3. The origin of the first complex organisms
1.1. The origin of life from non-life	2.1. The origin of the first living organisms from non-life	3.1. The origin of the first complex organisms from non-life
1.2. The origin of life from life	2.2. The origin of the first living organisms from life	3.2. The origin of the first complex organisms from life
1.3. The origin of life from a combination of non-life and life	2.3. The origin of the first living organisms from a combination of non-life and life	3.3. The origin of the first complex organisms from a combination of non-life and life

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Luke Woodberry	Nathan Webster	Moses Asten
Samuel Cross	Henry Woodbery	oliver Kimball Ju ^r
John Woodberry	Nath ^l Gorrell	Adam Cole
Robert Campbell	Nath ^l Woodbery	Ebnezer page
Hugh Campbell	Daniel Morrill	Jn ^a Emerson
Stephen Rollins	John Bradford	Asa Dow
David Rollings	William Gordon	Henry Lankster
Joseph Leach	Robert Bradford	Nathaniel Dow
Dudley Merrill	Samuel Corlis ^a	Jonathan Gorden
Enoch merrill	Ebenezer woodberry	John Smith
David Merrill	Daniel Massey	John merill
Joseph merrill	Jonath ^a Tenny	
Dn ^l P. Merrill	Asa Tenny	

[9-223] [*Petition for Appointment of a Field Officer, 1784.*]

This petition of us Subscribers Humbly seueth,—

Being sensible of the new Establishment of an agreeable Mode of Government in this State, & that it is absolutely necessary that good & Wise Men be commisioned to carry into Execution the good & wholsom Laws that is or shall be made for the preserving of Saifty, liberty, & property, of the good Subjects of s^d State. It is expected by the people here that a new Settlement of this Rigement will take place soon & that it will fall to the lot of Salem to have one field Officer as there are two very fine Companies & pay Tax perhaps as large any Town in the Rigement

We Y^r Humble petitioners earnestly pray that Abraham Dow Esq; may be the Man that is so Commisioned for a field Officer he being capable & sutable therefor We make no doubt will answer every intention Y^r Excellency & Honors could Wish for.

This Y^r patitioners are bound in Duty & shall ever pray—

Salem July 12th 1784—

Moody Morse
Daniel Gorden
James Webster
Jonathan Massey

Nath^l woodman
Jeremiah Dow
Samuel Kelly

[9-224] [*Baptist Society for Incorporation, 1797.*]

The petition of Richard Kimbal James Webster & others the subscribers inhabitants of the town of Salem County & state afors^d and in its Vicinity most humbly shew

That they with their families & each of them have long since been & still continue to be of that religious persuasion called Baptists that they have for many years paid and supported at their own expence an Orthodox minister of that principle who was installed over their Church & congregation, & officiated as such, until he was called by the providence of GOD to leave this world—And in order & for the encouragement of another pious & orthodox minister to settle among us, as well to regulate our internal affairs as a religious society ought to be governed, & for other pious & laudable purposes

We and each of us most humbly supplicate your honors, that we and each of us, may be incorporated into a seperate society in Salem afors^d by the name stile & title of the Baptist Christian Society—

To have & to hold all the powers, rights, privelages, prerogatives, as other incorporated Churches & congregations professing the christian religion in the state afors^d possesses & retains—And as in duty bound will ever pray—

James Webster	David Wheeler	Samuel Kelly
Richard Kimbal	Silas Wheeler	Ebenezer Woodbury
Abner Woodman	Samuel Marble	John Woodbury
Richard Wheeler	Moses Brown	Amos Wheeler
Jacob Rowell	Jon ^a Page	Nathaniel Kelly
Lemuel Rowell	Aron Copps	Luke Woodbury
Warren Wheeler	Richard Kimbal Ju	Barnard Kimbal
John Page	Dudly Bayley	Enoch Merrill
Nath ^l Woodman	Isaiah Wheeler	Benj ^a Rawlings
Ju ^r	Joseph Harris	Nath ^l Woodman
Philip Rowell	James Rowell	Stephen Wheeler
Rawling Webster	John Saunders	
Jon ^a Wheeler	Oliver Saunders	

[In H. of Rep., December 5, 1797, the petitioners were granted leave to bring in a bill.—ED.]

SALISBURY.

The township was originally granted by the government of the province of Massachusetts, under which it was called Bakers-town.

The settlement of the province boundaries in 1741 made the grant void, and the territory, proving to be within the bounds of the Masonian Proprietors' Purchase, was granted

by them to Col. Ebenezer Stevens, of Kingston, and others, October 25, 1749, and went by the name of Stevens-town, until it was incorporated by the governor and council of New Hampshire, March 1, 1768, and named Salisbury.

Among the first settlers were Ebenezer and John Webster, Edward Eastman, Nathaniel Meloon, and Philip Call, some of whom settled as early as 1750.

Col. Ebenezer Webster, who settled in this town in 1763, was born in Kingston in 1739. He was in the province service in 1757 to 1759, and at one time a member of "Roger's Rangers;" an officer in the militia, and in command of a company at the battle of Bennington in 1777; also in the Rhode Island expedition in 1778, and at West Point; a judge of the court of common pleas from 1791 to 1806; state senator in 1785, 1786, 1788, and 1790. He was the father of Ezekiel, an eminent lawyer, who was born in 1780, and of the renowned Daniel, who was born in 1782. He died in 1806, aged 67 years.

By an act passed December 24, 1828, some territory was severed from the east end of the town, combined with portions of Andover, Northfield, and Sanbornton, and erected into the town of Franklin.

By an act passed July 7, 1869, some territory was severed from the town of Franklin, and annexed to this town.

Salisbury men in First New Hampshire Regiment.

John Ash enlisted March 8, 1777; discharged December 31, 1781.

Annanias Bohonon enlisted March 13, 1781; discharged December 31, 1781.

Thomas Cross served 20 days; discharged 1780.

Levi Lufkin enlisted April 9, 1781; discharged December 31, 1781.

John Smith enlisted March, 1781; discharged December 31, 1781.

Samuel Saunders enlisted March, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

[9-225] [*Action of the Legislature relative to Guarding the Frontiers, 1754.*]

At a Special Convention of the members of the General assembly at Portsmouth on the twenty Second day of August

1754, in Pursuance of an order from his Excellency the Governor to the Sheriff of Said Province to Summon the members to meet as on file

Whereas his Excellency the Governor, by his message of the twenty first Instant, takes Notice of Sundry Hostilities Committed upon Sundry of his majestys Subjects at a place called Stevens's Town, within this Province (by Indians Supposed to be of the Saint Francis Indians) and that the Inhabitants on the Frontiers are much exposed and so put in fear, That they Stand in need of Protection and Help—Therefore it is agreed upon by the members of the House of Representatives that there be the number of Sixty Men enlisted or Impressed and his Excellency is hereby desired to Give orders for the enlisting or Impressing that number for the Protection and Defence of the Frontiers not exceeding the Space of Two months and that the allowance for their Pay Subsistence and ammunition be the Same as at the latter end of the last Indian War and in order for a fund therefor, It is further agreed, That there be so much of the Bills of Credit of the Interest of the Twenty five Thousand Pounds Loan in the hands of the Treasurer borrowed as will be Sufficient for the Same; And that for the Replacing the Same in the Treasury it is further agreed, That there be a Tax layd on the Polls & Estates within this Province agreeable to the last Proportion, to be paid by the thirtieth day of December 1755—and that there shall be a Tax Bill for that end as soon as the General assembly shall be in a Condition to act in a Legislative Capacity—

Meshech Weare Speaker

[The following memorandum is on the back of the original.—ED.]

10 men of Chandlers Co—8 days	
10 men Volunteers—16 days	
30 men ordered to Stevens Town	
20 do to Walpole &c	
10 men Col ^o Gilmans Reg ^t posted at Nottingham	14 d ^s
10 d ^s at Epsom Col ^o Smiths Reg ^t	14 d ^s

[9-226] [*Captivity of Samuel Scribner, 1759.*]

The Petition of the Subscriber (who was an Inhabitant in that place Called Stevens's Town in the Province afores^d) Humbly Sheweth

That your Excellency & Hon^{rs} Petitioner (with one of his Neighbours) was getting their Hay in a Meadow in the year

1759 where they were Attack'd by a Company of Indians & taken prisoners & Carried off into a doleful Captivity : and after Some time your Petitioner was Sold to a French Gentleman (if he may be so Called) who was one of the most Haughty Tyrannical & Barbarous of the Romish Religion : Preferring his meanest Slaves to a New England Heretick : and your poor Petitioner remained under their Tyranny, until the time of redemption, Came for when the Hon^{ble} Coll^l Schyler was releas'd & Sent home it was the Petitioners Lot to be releas'd & Sent home with him ; for which Mercyful deliverance your poor Petitioner Cannot be Enough thankful yet when Coming Home out of his Miserable Captivity, with Scarcely Cloaths to his back & finding a wife with Six Small Children (one of which was born in the time of the Petitioners Captivity) ; moved down to Kingstown and there haveing been Supported much by Charity were borely on it ; in regard of Cloathing and haveing little or no provision laid in renders the Case of your Petitioner yet very distressing : Wherefore your poor Petitioner Humbly moves for an Interest in the Compassions of your Excellency and Hon^{rs} praying that in your great goodness & mercy, you will be pleas'd to Grant to your Petitioner something ; as your Excellency & Hon^{rs} shall think meet in order to provide for & help Support your poor Petitioner & his distressed family : at least till the Revolveing season Shall Come wherein your Petitioner by the divine direction assistance & Blessing may in the Common Course of Nature & Providence provide for himself & family : and so your Petitioner Humbly leaves the State of himself & family : with your Excellency & Hon^{rs} praying your Serious Consideration thereof and Some Gift from this great & Gen^l Court &c and to your Petitioner shall as in duty Bound ever pray &c—

his
Samuel X Scribner
mark

Kingstown february the 26th day 1759

[The petition was dismissed.—ED.]

[9-226½] [*Relative to a division of Lots, 1773.*]

Kingston July 13th 1773.

at a Meeting of the Proprietors of Salisbury in the Province of New Hampshire

1^{stly} Josiah Bartlett chosen Moderator—

7^{thly} Voted to make another division of Lots to each original right in said Town—

8^{thly} Voted M^r Benjamin Huntoon Cap^t John Webster & M^r Sinkler Bean be a Committee to see the laying out said Division—

Extract from the Proprietors Records

Andrew Bowers P. C.

[R. 3-259] [Petition of Peter Bowen of New Salisbury, in the province of New Hampshire, states "That he Inlisted in the year 1755 into the Province Service as a private Soldier, under the Command of Major Robert Rogers." He was wounded, and asked for an allowance, which was granted to the extent of £15. See following.]

[R. 3-260] This may certify whom it may Concern that Peter Bowen of Salisbury was in the Provincial Service in the year 1755 under the command of Major Rogers who was then a Captain, and that the Gun of one Charles Mcauly a soldier discharged accidentally being Loaded with a Ball, which entered the Head of the said Peter near his right eye and blew the same out, I being personally present and see the same—

December 24th 1770—

John Stark, Lieut to said Company

The Bearer hereof Peter Bowen having been under the care of Doct^r Carter my deceast Husband having had the misfortune of losing his eye sight by a shott of a Gun while in the province service: His account to the Doct^r amounted to upwards £200 O: T:

Attested by Ruth Fowler

Boscawen Decem^r 3^d 1770.

[R. 3-261] [*A List of the Training Soldiers of the Town of Salisbury, drawn May 27, 1776.*]

Serjeant Jacob Cochrin	Stephen Webster	Jonathan Fifield
Serjeant William Newton	Philip flanders	Abraham Fifield
Serjeant Ananiah Bohonon	Ephraim Colby	Joseph Fifield
Serjeant Phineas Been	David Hall	Abel Elkins
Richard Purmit	Jeremiah Webster	Jonathan Cram
Cutting Stevens	Shubael Greeley	Moses Woodman
David Pettingill	Job Heath	Jacob Garland
Nath ^l Marston	Ephraim Heath	Edward Fifield
	Benj ⁿ Howard	Reuben Hoit
	William Eastman	William Searle
	Reuben Greeley	Jacob Bohonon
	Jeremiah Eastman	William Webster

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Ezekiel Lunt	Benj ⁿ Greely Ju ^r	John Jemson
Stephen Cross	John Chalis	Abel Tandey
Benj ⁿ Basford	Moses Sawyer	John Fifield
Reuben Kezar	Leonard Judkins	Joseph French
Jacob True	Philip Lufkin	Moses Elkins
Daniel Felch	Joseph Meloon	John Collins Gale
John Brown	Eben ^r Tucker	Nath ^l Huntoon
Edward Eastman	Jacob Tucker	Daniel Huntoon
Daniel Lowell	Jonathan Forster	Moses Silley
John Sanborn	Benaiah Been	Gideon Dow
Benj ⁿ Eastman	Edward Scribner	John Rowe
Eben ^r Clifford	Benj ⁿ Scribner	Philip Mitchel
George Bayley	Iddo Scribner	Matthew Greeley
William Bayley	Obadiah Peters	
James Johnson	Fifield	
Daniel Urin	John Been	

Alarm List.

Rev ^d Mr Jonath Searle	Dr Joseph Bartlett	Nehemiah Heath
Elder Sinkler Been	Ens. Andrew Bohonon	Ben ⁿ Greeley
“ Benj ⁿ Huntoon	Ens. John Webster	Joseph Marston
Dea ⁿ John Collins	“ Moses Garland	Nath ^l Meloon
Capt John Webster	“ Stephen Call	Nath ^l Meloon Jun ^r
“ Matthew Pettin-gill	Benj ⁿ Sanborn	Ezra Tucker
Esq Joseph Bean	Nathan Webster	Hezekiah Forster
	Robert Barber	Edward Scribner
	John Fellows	Andrew Bohonon
		Nathan Colby

The Following Soldiers are now in the Public Service—

Joseph Basford	Jonath Huntoon	James Basford
John Bayley	Eben ^r Scribner	Israel Webster
Philip Huntoon	Joseph Lovein	Wells Burbank
Sam ^l Lovein	Simeon Sanborn	
Reuben Hoit Jun ^r	Rowel Colby	

The with in is A list of the Company under my Command

Test Ebenezer Webster Cap^t

[9-227] [*Dr. Joseph Bartlett chosen Justice of the Peace.*]

At a Legal meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Salisbury holden at the Meeting House in s^d town on the 24th of May Last in the afternoon of s^d Day, Dr Joseph Bartlett was Legally Chosen for a Justice of the peace

in the town of Salisbury, if the Hon^{ble} General Court see fit to Commission him.

Jonatⁿ Cram T: Clerk—

Salisby June y^e 14th 1779.

[Dr. Bartlett was the first man in town who received a commission as justice of the peace.—ED.]

[R. 3-262] [*Captain Webster's Return, 1777.*]

Sir I have sent two men acordin to order Jacob Tucker and Nath^l Huntoon by Name the said Tucker wants a fire arme but it is Not in my Power to gite one for him I Hope he will make out to git one

With Due Regards

I am sir your Humbel Serv^t

Eben^r Webster

Salisbury may 22 1777

To Col^l Thomas Stickney

[R. 3-264] [*Return of Men for Abatement of Poll-Tax.*]

To the Receiver General in & for the Colony of New Hampshire—

Sir this Certify to you that those persons whose names are hereafter mentioned served in the American army last Summer and are engaged for the Coming year in the same Service

Simeon Sanborn	Colony Rate is	0-1-9-3
Jonathan Huntoon		0-1-9-3
John Kanade		0-1-9-3
Joseph Loverin		0-1-9-3
Single men all		£0-7-3-0

Attest John Collins } Selectmen
Leonard Judkins } for Salisbury

[The following named men were returned to Col. Stickney, in November, 1781, to answer a call for three months' service: "Moses Fellows, Matthew Greele, Benja Sanborn, Elisha Shephard." (Rev. Pap., p. 75.)—ED.]

[*Soldiers' Enlistment, 1781.*]

We the subscribers whose name are Hear unto set do voluntarily in List our selves in to the Sarvis of the State of New Hampshire for the term of three months from the time we Joyn the army unless sooner discharged and Promis obedience to our offisers and to observe the Rules of the army

Witness our Hands

Moses Fellows

Benjamin Sanborn

Salisbury Sep^r 12, 1781

Matthew Greele

Elisha Shephard

[R. 3-266] [*Depositions relative to John Ash, 1782.*]

The Deposition of Sam^l Scribner of Salisbury of Lawful age who Testifyeth and says that John Ash living with him when s^d Deponent lived in Andover and when s^d Deponent moved into Salisbury which was about the middle of October 1775 he the said John Ash moved with him and lived with him the s^d Deponent in Salisbury till about the middle of March 1776 and further Saith Not

Samuel Scribner

The Deposition of John Collins Gale of Salisbury of Lawful age who Testifyeth and Says that John Ash came to live with him the s^d Deponent in Salisbury about the 6th of April 1776 & lived with him the s^d Deponent until about the last of August following, and then Enlisted himself as a Soldier to go to Cohos for a short time, and then Returned to me again and made my House his Home untill about a fortn^t before he Inlisted into the Continental army which was some time in March 1777 and when s^d Ash left s^d Deponents House s^d Ash went Immediately to Capt John Websters in Salisbury ; and further saith not

John Collins Gale

[Sworn to before Joseph Bartlett, June 19, 1782.—Ed.]

[R. 3-267] [*Account for Bounties.*]

State of New Hampshire Hillsborough County
To the Hon^{bl} President of the Committee of Safety for said State—

Be pleased to pay unto Elder Benjⁿ Huntoon the bearer hereof, the wages due from the State to the Town of Salisbury on Account of the hire paid by said Town to the following persons, which inlisted into the Continental Army in April 1777 for three

Years (for which each one Rec^d Seventy Dollars) Viz Ephraim Heath, Moses Fellows, John Ash, Philip Flanders, Reuben Hoyt, Reuben Greeley, William Bayley, Philip Lufkins Benjamin Howard, Daniel Felch, Matthew Greeley, and Joshua Snow ; and in August 10th 1779 paid to George Nichols as a Bounty for his inlisting into the Continental Army during the War, Five Hundred Dollars of the then Current money—also the Travel Money of four Melitia raised in 1781 to Springfield, and the Travel Money of one Melitia to Coos this Summer Past—and likewise such Securities as is Customary (if any is) for what Bounties was Voted by the Hon^{bl} General Court to Towns that hired Continental Soldiers for three Years in 1781 it being seven that Salisbury hired ; and you will Oblige your Most Obedient and very Humble Servants—

Salisbury Novemb^r 25th 1782

John Collins	} Selectmen of Salisbury
Joseph Bartlett	
Phinehas Bean	

N B Reuben Hoyt was paid by the Town Eighty-Five Dollars as by the Recep^a may Appear

Exeter Nov^r 29th 1782

Received an Order on the Treas^r to pay by Discount One Hundred and twenty one pounds fourteen shillings and ten pence Bounties advanced by Salisbury

Benj^a Hunttoon

[9-230] [*Petition for Authority to erect a Toll-Bridge: addressed to the General Court, 1793.*]

Humbly shew the Subscribers that a bridge across merimac river between the towns of Northfield and Salisbury near Cross' ferry (so called) would be of great public utility—Wherefore your petitioners pray that the exclusive privilege of building a bridge across said river anywhere within three miles distance of said Cross' ferry may be granted them and such as may be associated with them and their hiers and Assigns, and of receiving a toll for their indemnification—And that they may be formed into a body politic and corporate for that purpose and have leave to bring in a bill accordingly and as in duty bound will ever pray &c—

Concord June 13 1793—

Charles Glidden
Jonathan Eastman

Peaslee Badger
Eben^r Eastman

Jere^b Clough
 Obediah Clough
 Chandler Lovejoy

Tho^s Gilman
 David M^cCrilles
 thomas Cross

[The legislature granted the petitioners an act of incorporation dated Jan. 11, 1794.—ED.]

[9-231] [*Report of a Committee relative to a Bridge, 1794.*]

The Subscribers being Chosen by Henry Gerrish Esq^r and Cap^t Jonathan Eastman to say what Compensation the said Gerrish shall receiv^d from Charles Glidden and others for giving unto them the privilege of building a bridge over Merrimack River between Northfield and Salisbury near Crosses ferry within the limits of the said Henrys Grant of a ferry—Report that the said Charles Glidden and others proprietors of the proposed Bridge provide in the most Convenient place and make a Road Sufficient for teams to pass from said Bridge to the said Henrys farm in Northfield and that they also Grant to the said Henry his heirs and assigns living in the house now occupied by him and those in his and their immediate employ a right of passing and repassing said Bridge with horses Cattle and teams so long as the said Charles and others their heirs or assigns are proprietors of said Bridge and if the said Charles and others do not Comply with the above (that the publick may not Suffer for want of a bridge there) we are of opinion that the said Henry should oblige himself to build a Bridge there as Soon as may be—

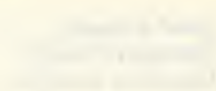
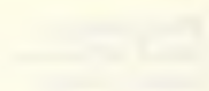
Exeter January 4th 1794

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[9-231] [*Petition for an Incorporation of Salisbury Academy: addressed to the General Court, 1794.*]

The Petition of the undersigned persons Humbly Shews,

That we have long experienced the want of an Institution in this vicinity where youth may be instructed in the higher branches of learning; & be prepared to transact the common business of life with advantage, or to finish their educations at a university We feel a deep conviction of the importance and utility of a general diffusion of literature and good morals. To facilitate the means of education is we are persuaded the most effectual means of accomplishing this desirable object. The dearest interests of our country are fast developing upon the



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rising generation—they will soon become citizens—and invested with all the relations of life. We regard them with a paternal anxiety, and ardently wish that they may enter upon the theatre of life with such qualifications as will do honor not only to republicans but to human nature. We consider knowledge as the palladium of liberty. We consider good morals as the foundation of happiness public and private. With such sentiments we have associated for the purpose of erecting & supporting an Academy by the name of the Salisbury Academy where youth may be initiated in the arts & sciences—acquire habits of morality and piety—and an invincible attachment to the principles of civil & religious liberty. The design of our association has received the approbation of a majority of our fellow-townsmen, & we now respectfully solicit the patronage of the Legislators of New Hampshire. Your Honors must be sensible that the business of such an Institution cannot be well managed without a board of Trustees. We therefore pray your Honors for liberty to bring in a bill to constitute Hon^{ble} Timothy Walker & Abiel Foster Esquires, Rev. Jon^a Searle, Rev. Elias Smith & Luke Wilder a corporation by the name of the Trustees of Salisbury Academy, & to invest the afore named gentlemen, & their successors with all the necessary powers of a body corporate to carry into execution the design aforesaid of your Petitioners—

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray—

Jonathan Searle,	Nathaniel Ash,	Joseph Adams
Moses Garland,	Benjamin Pettengall	Joseph Fifield
Abel Elkins,	Jun ^r	Benjamin Pettingall
Luke Wilder,	Stephen George,	Eliphalet Williams
Andrew Bowers,	Reuben True,	Edward West
Jonathan Fifield,	James Currier,	Jacob Bohonan Jun ^r
Elias Smith,	William Eastman,	Leonard Judkins
Caleb Judkins,	Jon ^a C. Pettingall,	Jun ^r
Leonard Judkins,	Benj ⁿ Whittemore,	Levi George
John Sweatt,	Anniah Bohonan,	Andrew Bohonan
Ephraim Colby,	Samuel Loverin,	Caleb Cushing
Jacob Garland,	Samuel Greenleaf,	Abraham Sanborn
Moses Morse,	Stephen Webster,	
Israel Webster,	Joseph Severens,	

Salisbury Dec. 20th 1794—

[Salisbury Academy was incorporated in 1795.—Ed.]

The first of these is the fact that the world is not a uniform whole, but is divided into many different parts, each of which has its own peculiar characteristics. This is true of the physical world, as well as of the human world. The physical world is divided into different regions, each of which has its own peculiar climate, soil, and other natural features. The human world is divided into different nations, each of which has its own peculiar customs, laws, and other social features. This diversity of the world is one of its most striking characteristics, and it is one of the main reasons why we are interested in it. We are interested in the world because it is so different from ourselves, and we want to know more about it. We want to know what makes it so different, and we want to know how we can make it better. This is the first of the three main reasons why we are interested in the world, and it is the one that is most obvious to all of us.

THE SECOND REASON WHY WE ARE INTERESTED IN THE WORLD

The second reason why we are interested in the world is that it is so full of interesting things. There are so many different things to see and do in the world, and so many different people to meet and know. This is one of the main reasons why we are interested in the world, and it is the one that is most obvious to all of us. We are interested in the world because it is so full of interesting things, and we want to know more about them. We want to know what makes them so interesting, and we want to know how we can make them better. This is the second of the three main reasons why we are interested in the world, and it is the one that is most obvious to all of us.

THE THIRD REASON WHY WE ARE INTERESTED IN THE WORLD

The third reason why we are interested in the world is that it is so full of problems. There are so many different problems to solve in the world, and so many different people to help and be helped. This is one of the main reasons why we are interested in the world, and it is the one that is most obvious to all of us. We are interested in the world because it is so full of problems, and we want to know more about them. We want to know what makes them so difficult, and we want to know how we can make them better. This is the third of the three main reasons why we are interested in the world, and it is the one that is most obvious to all of us.

[9-233] [*Petition for Incorporation of a Toll-Bridge: addressed to the General Court, 1800.*]

The petition of the Subscribers humbly shews that a Bridge over Pemissawasset Branch at Webster's falls, so called, between the Towns of Salisbury and Sandbornton would be of great public utility and accommodate travellers and others much to their advantage: Your petitioners therefore pray that they may have the exclusive Right of building and maintaining a toll Bridge over said River at the most convenient place over the same within one mile of said falls either above or below; and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.—

Eben ^r Webster	Thomas Clough Ju ^r	Elijah Sargent
Eben ^r Eastman	Ellison Fowler	William Smith
Joseph Clark	Eben ^r Clark	
Samuel T. Gilmon	Jonathan Ayers	

[The foregoing petitioners were granted an act of incorporation the same year, and the bridge named Republican Bridge.—ED.]

SANBORTON.

The township was granted by the Masonian proprietors, Dec. 31, 1748, to John Sanborn, of Hampton, and others. The grantees were residents of Hampton, Exeter, and Stratham, twelve of whom were named Sanborn: hence the name of the town. Settlements were retarded by reason of trouble with the Indians, and none were permanently made until 1764. In 1768 there were thirty-two families in town. At a meeting held Jan. 8, 1770, a committee was appointed to petition for an incorporation. This committee petitioned on the first day of March following, and the town was incorporated by the governor and council the same day. The town did its full share in the Revolutionary war, and in the war for the suppression of the slave-owners' rebellion.

Sanbornton Academy was incorporated Dec. 20, 1820, and with others established subsequently, contributed largely to the prosperity of the town, and to the high standing of its inhabitants. By an act approved June 30, 1869, the south part of the town, formerly known as Sanbornton Bridge, was incorporated into the present town of Tilton.

July 1, 1870, some territory was severed from Tilton and annexed to Sanbornton; and by act of July 3, 1872, a small tract was severed from the latter and annexed to the former.

Sanbornton men in Capt. Benj. Ellis's Company, Scammell's Regiment, 1781, Nathan Hoit, Fifer, and Jacob Gile.

[10-1] [*Justice of the Peace wanted, 1770.*]

Sandbornton Dec^r 1770 to Cap^t Joseph Hoit of Stratham Sir we whose names are underwritten desire that you would Sign our names to a Petition to y^e Governor for a Commission of the Peace for Dan^l Sanborn of this town

Samuel Shepard	Nath ^l Tilton	Samuel Smith
Charles Thomas	Israel Tilton	John folsom
Nathaniel burley	William Hayes	Isaac Colby
william tomson	William Hayes Junr	Jonathan Smith
Moses Danford	William Durgan	

[10-2] [*Petition in favor of David Sanborn, 1770.*]

The Humble Petition of the inhabitants of Sandbornton

We your Excellencys humble Petitioners Labouring under the Disadvantage of Living at a Great Distance from a Magistrate & Consequently are at a Grate Expence in Gitting our Business Done & Depending on your Excellencys Protection in our Civil as well as Relegious Priviledges would Pray your Excellency to Grant a Commission of the Peace to Daniel Samborn of this Town

your Excellencys favourable notice of our Circumstances & Granting our Request will we humbly Concive be of Grate Service to this Town in Saving Much time & Expence in Gitting our Necessary Business Done & in Preserving Peace & unity amongst us & So of Consequence for y^e Publick Good

we Remain your Excellencys Loyal Humble Petitioners

March y^e 29th 1770

John Samborn	Philip Hunt	Benjamin Hoit
Ebenezer Morrison	Androw Roin	Samuel Shepard
thomas Lyford	Daniel ffield	Charles Thomas
Jacob Smith	Aaron Samborn	Nathanel burly
Satchel Clark	Edward kelley	William Thompson
Benjamin Darlin	Josiah Canfield	Moses Danford

tho ^s Gilmon	David Dusten Jur	Nathanel Tilton
Nichelos Clark	Jonathan Smith	Israel Tilton
Josiah Samborn	William kinston	Wiliam Hayes
Chase taylor	Joseph Carr	Wiliam Hayes Jun ^r
Thomas Sinclear	Jacob Smith iun	Wiliam Durgon
Abijah Samborn	Joseph Smith	Samuel Smith
Enock Eley	Jonathan Lang	John Folsom
Jonathan Thomas	James Cate	Isaac Colby
John Gibson	John Gale	Jonathan Smith
Solomon Cops	Ben ⁿ Sanborn	
Thomas Critchet	Cole Weeks	

[R. 3-297] [*Petition of Capt. Chase Taylor: addressed to the Assembly, 1778.*]

The humble Petition of Chase Taylor of Sanborn Town in the County of Strafford Esq^r

Sheweth That on the 16th day of August last past, Your Pet^r was Capt. of a Company in Col. Stickneys Regiment at the Engagement at Bennington.

That by a Musket Ball from the Enemy, he had his Thigh-bone fractured, and remained utterly disabled from following any Business from that time till about the Beginning of May last, and his pay had ceased in the Sept^r next before.

That in the said Fight he lost a very good Gun of the Value of 20 Dollars (upon a moderate Computation) and his Cartouch Box.

Your Pet^r therefore prays Your Honours to take the premises into Your Consideration That he may be recompenced for his Loss of time and Expences occasioned by his said Misfortune, and also on Account of the Loss of the said Gun &c

And Your Pet^r will ever pray &c

Chase Taylor

[He was allowed £16,4s, and half pay.—ED.]

[R. 3-269] [*Petition of Thomas Lyford, Soldier: addressed to the General Court, 1780.*]

The Humble Petition of Thomas Lyford Late of Sandbornton Sheweth that your memorelest Engaged in the Continental Service as a Lieu^t in major whitcombs Corps of Rangers october the 14th 1776. at ticonderoge in which Service your memo-

relest has Ever Since been Employed and has Receive only the Sum twenty Six dollars and two thirds of a dollar pr month wages and ten Dollars pr month as Ration money therfore your memorelest prays that his Case may be taken into your wise Consideration and he be put on equal footing with other Continental officers of this State of his Ranke or grant such other Present Releaf for the Surporting him Selfe and famerly as you Shall Se fit and as in Duty Bound Doth pray &c Sandborn-ton february y^e 1st 1780—

N: B money that Shall be granted me Should be glad that the same may be Drawn by Ebenezer Smith Esq^r to Convey to my famerly as I am about to Return to the army to my Duty—

Thomas Lyford

[R. 3-268]

[*Soldiers' Order, 1792.*]

Samborntown August 29th 1792

To the Treasurer of the State of Newhampshire

Sir Pleas to Pay to John Nicholls or his order What ever is Due to my late Son Samuel Magoon he haveing Been a Soldier in the — New Hampshire Regiment I being the —ted father and Sole heir of Said Deceased it Being for Vallue Received Witness my Hand

Samuel ^{his} X Magoon
mark

Attest H. B. Eastham
Daniel Kelley

[10-3]

[*Solomon Copps, for a Ferry, 1781.*]

The Petition of us the subscribers select men and Inhabitants of the Town of Gilmantown in said County Humby shews—

That Solomon Copps of sandborntown has for several Years Last past kept a ferry over Winipisseoke River at a place Called mohawk point and a Good Boat to accommodate Passengers passing and Repassing from Gilmantown to sandborntown to the satisfaction of People passing that Road and we are of opinion that it is Necessary that a ferry should be Established in that place we therefore pray that the said Copps may have a Grant of the same by an act of the General Court so Long as he his Heirs or assigns shall provide and Keep Good Boat or

Boats for transporting passengers and Give Good attendance and we as in Duty Bound shall ever pray

Dated at Gilmanton afores^d march y^e 2^d A : D : 1781

Joseph Badger	} Select men of Gilmantown
Samuel Greeley	
Edward Gilman Jr	

Joseph Huckins	Joseph Shepard	Noah Dow
Juner	thomas Flanders	Joshua Gilman
Jeremiah Richardson	Jeremy Cogswell	Paul Bickford
Moses Adams	William Silley	Benjamin dow
Joseph Badger Ju ^r	Joseph Parsons	Lemuel Rand
John Judkins	Antipas Gilman	Nath ^l Wilson
Jabez James	Jonathan Dow	Jacob Daniels
Ebenezer Paige	Peter Gilman	Charles Rundlet
W ^m Smith	Simeon Copp	

[The petition was granted.—Ed]

[10-4] [*Solomon Copps for a Ferry, 1781.*]

Sandbornton Feburary y^e 27th 1781—

The Humble Petition of y^e Subscribers Inhabitants of Sd Town to y^e President, Council, & House of Representatives of this State, whereas M^r Solomon Copp of this Town hath in time Past been at great Expençe in Providing & Keeping in Repair a Boat for y^e accommodation of People in Crossing y^e ferry at y^e narrows at mohawk Point So Call^d, with but Little Profit we think it Reasonable & therefore Pray that he may have y^e Priviledge of Sd ferry given & Confirm^d to him by act of Court there being a Road Laid out which takes in y^e Land- ing at Sd ferry—

which your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

Ebenezer Morroson	} Select men of Sandbornton
Aaron Sanborn	
Samuel Lane	

Dan ^l Sanborn	James Cate jun ^r	Benjamin Hoit
Nath ^l Tilton	Stephen Gale	Benjamin Colby
Jacob Smith	Daniel Fifield	Josiah miles
Jeremiah tilton	Josiah Samborn	John Sanders
John Clark	Saml Morrison	Jonathan Sanborn
Jeremiah Sanborn	John thorn	Jonathan Chase
Jacob Garland	John Robnson	William Robinson
Ebenezer Gove	James Cate	William Durgain

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David Blanchard	James Lary	Theo Rundlet
Nathaniel Burley	Nathaniel Burbank	Jonathan Judkins
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Hugh March	Benjam P. Canfield	Ebenezer Gove
Nicolas Clark	William Prescut	

[10-8] [*Petition in favor of Daniel Sanborn, 1784.*]

Sanbornton April 20th 1784—

The Humble Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of sd Town to y^e President & Counsil of sd State—

whereas the new Constitution is Soon to take Place and Daniel Sanborn Esq^r hath Serv^d us as a Justice of y^e Peace in this Town for many years Past to our Satisfaction we Pray that he may be Continued or appointed to Serve us in sd office in Preference to any other man in sd Town

Samuel Brown	Benaiah Sanborn	Samuel Prescott
Will ^m Weeks	Ens ⁿ Nath ^l Chand-	Chase weeks
Maj ^r Joseph Prescott	ler	David Chapman
John Gale	Dan ^l Davison	Nathan Blake
Benj ⁿ Robinson	Ens ⁿ Nath ^l Grant	Josiah Cally
Jon ^a Chase	Levi Robinson	Joseph Wadleigh
Will ^m Robinson	Josiah Shaw	James Wadleigh
Will ^m Durgin J ^r	Lev ^t Benjamin Mor-	Cap ^t Will ^m Tomson
Jacob Garland	gin	Solomon Copp
Lev ^t Jacob Smith	Joseph Gilmon	Will ^m Miles
Ezekiel Gilmon	Joseph Grant	Nathan ^l Chany
Lev ^t Joseph Clark	Elisha Smith	Dan ^l Gale
Ens ⁿ Elisha Prescott	John Johnson	James Fulonton
Joseph Smith	John Bryer	Will ^m Hersey
Thomas Calley	Dan ^l Sanborn J ^r	Stephens Burley
Sam ^l Morrison	Elisha Cate	Joseph Burley
David Morrison	Moses Danforth	Dudly Smart

Aaron Elsworth	Eliphelit Brown	Will ^m Burley
Ichabod Swain	Moses Gilmon	Peter Hersey
Moses Randel	Elisha Chapman	Moses March
Stephen Clark	Jon ^a Hobbs Sanborn	Moses Thompson
Andrew Roien	Sam ^l Hunt	Mathew Thompson
John Clark	Jeremiah Gibson	James osgood
Abijah Sanborn	Simeon Hains	Jacob Thompson
Dan ^l Fifeld	Jacob Bamford	James Cate
Edmond Chapman	Solomon Copp J ^r	Bradbury Johnson
Jon ^a Been	Josiah Miles	Benjamin Roberson
Will ^m Hayes	Benj ⁿ Perl Canfield	J ^r
Francis Durgin	Reuben Smith	Nath ^l Burley
Jon ^a Thompson	Stephen Fogg	Joseph Burley Jun ^r
Simeon Cate	Noah Smith	Jacob Thomas
Jon ^a Cate	John Roberson	Edward Kelly Jun ^r
Nath ^l Burbank	Jonathan Smith	Edward Kelly
Thomas Copp	Daniel Tilton	Theoph ^s Rundlet
Thomas Shute	Jonathan Cally	Jon ^a Judkins
Jon ^a Chase Jun ^r	Cap ^t Will ^m Harper	Josiah Sanborn J ^r
Thomas Chritchett	Maj ^r Will ^m Prescott	Lev ^t Eben ^r Gove
Jon ^a Taylor	John Chapman	James Gibson
Josiah Hersey	Cole weeks	
James Cate Jun ^r	Joseph Prescott J ^r	

Signed in 1785 that did not in 1784.

Nicholas Giles	Nathan Smith	Benj ^a Smith
James Sanborn	John Cartey Gale	Nath ^l Caverly
Reuben Rallus	James Fullonton J ^r	Tme ^y Smith
John Sanborn 3 ^d	Sam ^l Fifeld	
Dudley Cram	James Sincler	

and so that would Sine no Petition but wase willing for the within

[10-9]

[*Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

N^o of Poles 21 years & upward

Sanbornton about 180

Meredith 85

Newhampton 75

1783 Dec^r

E— Smith

[10-11] [*More Justices wanted, 1785.*]

Sandbornton Feb^y 21st 1785

we the Subscribers Recommend M^r John Sanborn & Mr John Lane for Justices of y^e Peace of this Town

Chaise Taylor	S Clark	William Taylor
Ebenezer Morroson	Nathan Taylor	William Huse
Abra ^m Perkins	Nich Clark	John Morrison
Josiah Sanborn	Josiah Emery	Simeon Robinson
John thorn	Thomas Lyford	Jeremiah Sanborn
Benjamin Sanborn	Thomas Critchet	
Sam ^l Lane	Ebn ^r Samborn	

[10-12] [*Petition for a Paper Currency, 1785.*]

Sandbornton Oct^r 24th 1785—

The Petition of us y^e Subscribers Inhabitants of sd Town, Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioners with others y^e Inhabitants of this State, Labour under great inconveanency for want of a Currancy or medium of trade Sufficient to transact y^e Common busness between man & man & notwithstanding your Petitioners & we Concive that others in General are Desireous to Discharge all our Debts with y^e Strictest Honour, the Payment of which, as also y^e Common trading one with another, is Rendered next to Impossible, by Reason of y^e Scarcety of money, —and People of all Ranks, & Conditions, are Sue^d & meny Put into Prison all of which tends to Impoverish Individuals, & Consequently y^e State in General;—we therefore Pray that your Honours would as Soon as Possable make a Sum or Bank of Paper money Sufficient to answer all Debts or Demands in this State or for a medium of trade, & that Sd Paper money, may be made a tender in all Cases—and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray.

will ^m Chase	} Select men
James Hersey	
Nat ^l Grant	

Dan ^l Sanborn	Ichabod Swain	Noah Smith
Josiah Miles	Solomon Copp	Edward Kelley
Jon ^a Hobbs Sanborn	Tho ^a Critchet	Joseph Prescott
	Elisha Prescott	Dan ^l Gale
Joseph Smith Jun ^r	Nath ^l Chaney	David Chapman
James Sanborn	Cole weeks	Jotham Rallins
Abijah Sanborn	Chase weeks	Josiah Shaw
Jon ^a Chase Jun ^r	will ^m weeks	will ^m Tomson
John Chapman	Daniel Sanborn J ^r	Sam ^l Prescott Jun ^r

James Cate
will^m Prescott
Reuben Smith
Moses Rendal
Dan^l Davison
Sam^l Prescott
James Gibson

Lovel Lang
will^m Prescott Jun^r
Humphery Hunt
Jon^a Been
Jon^a Smith
Dan^l Tilton
Jon^a Thomas

Peter Hersey
Dan^l Fifeld
Eben^r Colby
Trueworthy Smith
Benaiah Sanborn
John Sanborn 3^d
James Cate Jun^r

[10-10]

Sanbornton Oct^r 24th 1785

I have no Doubt But if y^e Petition for Paper money from this Town was Carry^d to all y^e men in it there would be one hundred & fifty Signers for y^e Same— Dan^l Sanborn

[For legislative action on the matter, see Atkinson papers, Vol. XI.—ED.]

[10-15] [*Petition for a Change of Day of Annual Meeting: addressed to the General Court, 1794.*]

This petition Humbly Sheweth—

that by the Charter of Sanbornton the Inhabitants are to hold their Meeting for the Choice of Town officers on the last Tuesday of March annually to the ill-convenience of the freeholders & whereas it is commonly bad traveling at that time So that many of the Inhabitants Cannot attend Said Meeting and thereby are excluded from giving their Votes for State and town officers, and whereas it Sometimes happens that the Inhabitants Cannot finish their Businees in one day but are under the necessity of adjourning to Some future day which must often be in the Month of April, and thereby the Selectmen Cannot take the Inventory in Season to the damage of Said town,—Therefore at a Leagal meeting Unanimously Voted that the Select-men Shall Prefer a petition to the Honnourable General Court Praying that their Anual Meeting might be Earlyer in Said month, Wherefore we the Subscribers beg leave to Present this petition Praying your Honnors that the Said Meeting now held on the Last tuesday of March as by Said Charter, might in future be held on the Second Tuesday of Said month and we your Humble Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

Josiah Emery	} Select-men in behalf of the Inhabitants of Sanbornton
Moses Tomson	
W ^m Chase	

[This petition was granted.—ED.]

[10-16] [*Tilton Bennett, for a Ferry over Pemigewasset River, 1798.*]

To the honourable the General Court of the state of New Hampshire to convene at Concord on the third Wednesday of November instant—Humbly shew

Your Petitioners, inhabitants of the town of Sanbornton that Tilton Bennet of said town has attended a ferry over Pemigewasset River between Sanbornton and New-Chester for four years last past and has been at great expence to provide and keep in repair suitable boats for said ferry, wherefore your petitioners humbly pray your honors would grant said ferry to him, and as in duty bound will ever pray—

November 2^d 1798—

Jonathan Thomson	Jonathan Weeks	Josiah Shaw ir
Moses Tomson	Nathan Blake	Joseph Chapman
W ^m Hayes	Nath ⁿ Ladd	James Chapman
John Clark	John Adams Harper	Daniel Johnson
Lowell Lang	W ^m Taylor	Ezekiel Brown
W ^m Weeks	John Sandborn	David Robinson
Nathaniel Piper	Nathan Smith	Moses Colby
Chase Weeks	Moses Leavitt	Jotham Rawlings
Charles thomas	Josiah Sanborn 7 th	Henry Blake
Cole Weeks Jr	Jacob Tilton	Ebenezer Swain
Benjamin Rollins	Lyford Dow	Josiah Heath
Edmund Chapman	Stephen Prescott	Moses Page
Jr	Nathaniel Caverey	Tilton Bennet Jr
David Perley 3	Joseph Gale	Anthony Colby
John Shaw	Joshua Bangs	
Thomas Morison	Joseph Conner	

[A grant of a ferry was made to said Bennett the same session.—ED.]

[10-18]

Humbly shews

Tilton Bennet of Sanbornton that he has attended a ferry over Pemigewasset River between Sanbornton and New Chester for four years last past, and has been at great expence to provide suitable Boats for said ferry—wherefore your petitioner humbly prays your honors would grant said ferry to him, and as in duty bound will ever pray—

November 2^d 1798

Tilton Bennet

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THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE

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[10-17] [*Petition for Incorporation of a Library: addressed to the General Court, 1797.*]

The Petition of the subscriber in behalf of the proprietors of the Social Library society in Sanborntown Humbly sheweth

That said society have been at considerable Expence in purchasing a Collection of Books for the purpose of defusing useful knowledge amongst them, but find themselves under many disadvantages for want of being Incorporated—They therefore pray your Honors to pass an Act Incorporating them into a body politic for the purpose of regularly ordering said society under such rules and regulations as to your Honors may appear Just & reasonable and Your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray .

William Harper

[This petition was granted, and the library incorporated the same year.—ED.]

[10-19] [*Petition for the Incorporation of Sanbornton Musical Society: addressed to the General Court, 1799.*]

Humbly shew,

The Subscribers, inhabitants of the town of Sandbornton, that they have formed themselves into a society for the promotion of vocal and instrumental musick; and that they have been at considerable expence to procure books, instruments, and able instructors, to teach the arts of singing and performing on instruments.—Your petitioners therefore humbly pray, that they, together with their associates, and all such as may hereafter become members of the said society, may be incorporated into a body politic, by the name of “ Sandbornton Musical Society,” and that they may be vested with all the powers and privileges incident to corporations of a similar nature:—

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Joseph Woodman
Samuel Lane
Nathan Taylor
Samuel Gerrish
Joshua Lane

Jeremiah Tilton
Andrew Lovejoy
Jeremiah Sanborn Jun^r
Stephen Goodhue

[In H. of Rep., Dec. 25, 1799, leave was granted to bring in a bill.—ED.]

[10-20] [*Petition for the Incorporation of the Baptist Association: addressed to the General Court, June, 1802.*]

We the Subscribers, inhabitants of the Town of Sanborn-town, Humbly Shew—That we have formed ourselves into a Society for the purpose of worshipping God agreeably to the dictates of our own consciences; that we have been at considerable expence to erect a decent House for public worship; and for the support of the Gospel among us; and that we labour under many disadvantages by not being incorporated, and being denied the privileges of incorporated parishes—Wherefore we humbly pray, that an act of incorporation may be granted unto us, and such others as may hereafter associate with us, by the name of the Sanbornton Baptist association, and that such rights, privileges and immunities may be granted and secured unto us, our associates and successors, as others in similar cases have heretofore received: And we as in duty bound will ever pray—

Sanbornton March 31st 1802

David Burley Jun ^r	John W Hunt	Winthrop Durgan J ^r
Peter Hersey	William Hersey	David Morrison
Samuel Hersey	Jacob March	W ^m Hersey J ^r
Thomas Colman	Eben ^r Morrison J ^r	Benj ^a Rallings
Jonathan Taylor	William Durgin	Josiah Blake
Jun ^r	Thomas Cawley	Joseph Weeks
Coffin Sanborn Jun ^r	William Chase	Elisha Lougee
John Prescott	Nicholas Giles	James Chapman
Daniel Gove	James Chase	Edmund Rundlet
Joseph H Sanborn	Ed Taylor	Thomas Morrison
Levi Sanborn	Josiah Sanborn 4 th	John Morrison J ^r
Benj ^a Robinson	Joseph Prescott 3 ^d	John Dearborn
James Robinson	Jonathan Taylor	Simeon Cass
Benj ^a Robinson J ^r	Jonathan Webster	Reuben Rundlett
Josiah Hersey	William Rundlet	William Calley
Samuel Hunt	Benj ^a Calley	Thomas Eastman
Coffin Sanborn	Cole Weeks	John Taylor
Abner Sanborn	Joseph Chapman	Christopher Sanborn
Jon ^a Chase	Nathaniel Caverly	John Clark 3
Mark Chase	Jacob Hunkins	Nath ^l Hart
Winthrop Durgin	Chase Sanborn	George Whitcher
Taylor Clark	Henry Blake	Robert Steele
Elijah Durgin	Charles Thomas	Jeremiah Graves
Thomas Copp	William Eaton	Winthrop True
Dudley Cram	Reuben Eaton	John Sanders
Timothy Smith J ^r	William Eaton J ^r	Jonathan Lang
Daniel Tucker	Israel Beckman	Jonathan Calley

Samuel Connor	Jonathan Weeks	Harper Quimby
Moses Hunt	Lyford Dow	Samuel Elsworth
David Clark	Jeremiah Smith	Samuel Chapman
John Durgin	Joseph Colby	Benj ^a Steele
Jonathan Thompson	W ^m Weeks	Josiah George
Thomas Morse	David Morrison J ^r	Daniel Gale
Jacob Thompson	John Shaw	Chase Osgood
W ^m Dyer	Chase Weeks	
Abraham Darling	John Chapman	

[*Vote of Town relative to the foregoing.*]

At the annual meeting of the legal voters of the Town of Sandbornton held March 8th 1803

Voted That Coffin Sanborn & others may be incorporated as a Baptist Society in said Town and that Capt. Samuel Prescott forward said vote to the Gen^l Court—

A true Copy of Record

Attest Joshua Lane Town Clerk

Sandbornton 8th March 1803—

The undersigners hereby Certify that they have been Sufficiently Served with a Copy of the Petition of Coffin Sanborn and others praying for an Incorporation as a Baptist Society in this Town before the Hon. the General Court at the last Session, and the order of Court thereon agreeable to said order of Court—

Bradstreet Moody } Select men
Jonathan Chase }

[The Baptist Association was incorporated in 1803.—
Ed.]

SANDOWN.

The territory in this town was formerly in Kingston, from which it was severed by the governor and council, April 6, 1756, and incorporated as a separate town by its present name. This was done in answer to a petition from the inhabitants of the "Westerly end of the said Kingstown," and Col. Ebenezer Stevens was appointed to call the first meeting of the inhabitants.

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it appears that the town had a population of 635, of whom 34 were in the army. In 1786 it had a population of 521.

I cannot find any record of the addition of any territory to the town, or that any has been severed since its incorporation.

Sandown men in First N. H. Regiment.

Thomas Fuller enlisted April 3, 1777; discharged December, 1781.

Israel Ingalls enlisted January 27, 1777; discharged January 21, 1780.

[10-22] [*Relative to the Election of Representative: addressed to the General Assembly, 1776.*]

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Hawke & Sandown Humbly Seweth that where as the Legality of our meeting to Chuse a man to Represent us in Congress last December was disputed for which reason we have not been Represented and being Sensible of the priveledge pray for a New Precept to impower us to elect a proper person to represent us in the General Assembly—and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Caleb Towle	Jethro Sanborn	Richard Griffen
Henry Morrill	Henry Darborn	Joseph Tilton
William Buswell	Nathan Jones	John Tilton
Jonathan French	Nathan Jones Junr	Benjamin wells
Josiah Tuxbury	Isac Flanders	william Rowell
Jonathan French	Josiah Batchelder	Timothy fellows
Junr	Joshua George	Thomas Griffen
Tho ^s Stow Ranney	Moses Griffen	Samuel Gedkins
Jerema Towle	Jonathan Whiteaker	David Sargent
James Towle	John Collins	Sargent wells
Jon ^a Clough	Joshua Herman	Jacob wells
Hezekiah Blake	Peter Griffen	Timothy wells
Jabez Eaton	Zephotos Griffen	Phinaes Bachelder
Ezra Jones	Samuel Sevens	John Perver
James Lowell	Moses Heath	Benjamun Colby
Henry Elkins	Asa Heath	William Ferrin
Samuel March	Samuel wiatt	John Straw
Samuel Quimby	Nathan Hunt	Benjamin Flanders
John Sanborn	Benjamin Shaw	Jonathan Huse
Abraham Darling	Samuel Plumer	orland Colbey
Richard Nason	Thomas Cotton	Nathaniel Ingals
David Tilton	Daniel Kelley	David Bennet
Joseph Clifford Sanborn	Samuel Harsey	David Straw
	Robert Collins	Jon ^a Straw

CHAPTER I

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Joseph Williams	Benjamin Hunkens	Nathaniel Buswell
George Bartlett	Stephen Longe	Nathaniel Buswell J ^u
Jedediah Philbrick	Nathaniel French	Samuel Began
Thomas Chelles	Timothy Tilton	william Began
Samuel Fellows	Jethro Sanborn	James Trussell
Peter Elkins	David Sleeper	David Moulton
Ann's Campbell	David Tilton	Samuel Ingals
Nathaniel Brown	Moses Sanborn	Sharbon Sanborn
Nehemiah Sleeper	Samuel Sleeper	olever Sm Blake

The above Names is a true Coppy of the Petitioners taken of by us—

Reuben Clough	} the Selectmen of Hawke and Sandown
Moses Colbey	
David Quinby	
Reuben True	
moses Hook	
Ela Dow	

Sandown June 4th 1776

Read and voted to be granted June 5, 1776.

[10-23] [Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.]

State of New Hampshire

To the Council and House of Representatives at Concord
Assembled convened—

According to the Reques from the assembly of this State to make out a just account of all pols paying a pole tax for them selves we have taken the Number of all the pols paying a pole tax for them selves in the Parish of Sandown, and find they amount to the Number of one Hundred and three—

From yours to Seirve—

Ezra French	} Select men of Sandown
Alpheus Farrar	

Novr 27th 1783

[Sworn to before Reuben Clough, justice of the peace.]

[10-24] [Relative to the Line between Sandown and Chester: addressed to the Assembly, 1783.]

Sirs—

As the Line between Chester and Sandown was Not Settled when we took the proportion Last Spring we took the Land to whare the Bounds of the Lots Layd out by Kingstown we Now

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having settled the Line between the towns to be a Straight Line it cuts of Seventy two acres of Land and two heads and one house and a barn into Chester the Land supposed to be about twenty acres planting and moing and about twenty acres pasturing and one acer and a half of orchard Land and thirty acers of unimproved Land £28 Value Buildings prisd at 6 pounds our prayers is that the above Heads Land and Buildings may be taken out of Sandown proportion as the above heads Land and Buildings are taken in to Chester proportion—

From your most obedient and Humble Sarvants

Ezra French } Select men
Alpheus Farrar } of Sandown

Dec^m 4th 1783

[10-25] [*Relative to Militia Affairs: addressed to the General Assembly, 1785.*]

The Petition of the Subscribers freeholders and Inhabitants of Sandown in said State Humbly Shew that in the Late Devision of the Seventh Regiment of melitia in this State, we are Informed that Sandown is Joyned to the Southwesterly Devision thereof that Sandown is the westerly Parish in the original Township of Kingstown and by being a Parish are naturally Connected with the other parts of said Town—That before the Revolution wee met with the other parts of said Town for Chusing Representatives and are now Connected with Hawke—another Parish in said Town for the same purpose—by which means our acquaintance & Connections with the other parts of said Town are greater than with the other Devision to which we are now Joyned

We therefore pray that your Honours would be pleased to Disannex us from the Southwesterly Regiment and Annex us to the other Regiment to which the other parts of said Town belong—and your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever Pray &c—

John Sanborn	Moses Hook	Jona th Straw
Moses Sanborn	Ezekiel Eaton	Banj ^a Williams
Stephen Long	Robert Collins	Josiah morse
Richard Long	Daniel Sleeper	John Pervere
John Perkins	Sherburne Sanborn	Jonathen pervere
Samuel Randall	Tim ^y Tilton	Samuel Flanders
Abraham Hook	Will ^m Rowell	Benj ^a Flanders
Samuel Sanborn	David Sleeper	Ephraim Flanders
Ebenezer Long	Samuel Sleeper	Benjamin Colby
John Sleeper	Jonathan C Sanborn	John Colbey

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Samuel Sleeper Junr	Iaac Tilton	Ela Dow
Josiah Derbon	Benjamin Gilfling	Nath ^l Ingalls
Nathl French	Alphs Farrar	Peter Ingalls
Phinehas Whitter	David fuller	Jonathan huse
N Wells	Benj ^a Hunkins	Spencer Bennett
Benjamin Taylor	Isaac Hunkins	Joshua Palmer
Peter Taylour	Eben Auls	Jonathan Clough
Joseph Tilton	Asa Heath	John Colby
Daniel Davis	William ferren	peter CoLBey

[10-26] [*Petition relative to Paper Currency, etc.: addressed to the General Court, 1786.*]

Humbly shew the Subscribers and Inhabitants of the town of Sandown in the County of Rockingham in said State—

That Your petitioners Labour under many and very Great Difficulties on Account of the great Scarcity of a circulating medium of trade also great Uneasiness has Arisen in ye minds of ye petitioners and many Others, on Account of a Claim Lately made to the Uncultivated Lands within this state and as your Honours are the Guardians of the Rights and priviledges of the people and as we have no Other Regular way of redress than by Applying to you therefore—we humbly request that your Honours would take our Case under your wise Consideration and Grant Us releaf Acting on the following particulars—

1^{ly} That you would not allow those persons purchasers of the Allen Claims so called any part of their Claim within this State—

2^{dly} That not any of those persons that are purchasers of said Allens Claim hold any Commission of profit or honour within this state for the space of one year—

3^{dly} That the General Court take Up the matter Respecting Masonan title to certain Land in this State which we think their title is not good and that those Lands Claimed by them be Converted to the Use of the State—

4^{thly} that thare might be a Bank of paper money made to redeem this State Security

5^{thly} that the General Court petition Congress to redeem the Continental paper Currency that is in the treasury in this State the same being more than our proportion of the Same—

6^{thly} that the ports and harbours in this State be open and free trade for all Except the Refugees

Sandown June 1st 1786

Year	Number of Cases	Number of Deaths
1907	1,000	100
1908	1,200	120
1909	1,400	140
1910	1,600	160
1911	1,800	180
1912	2,000	200
1913	2,200	220
1914	2,400	240

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John Tucker	Richard Long	moses George
Jacob Tucker	John Chase	Isaac Tilton
Peter Colby	Jonathan Clough	Abraham Hook
John Colby	Ela Dow	Jonathan C Sanborn
Charles Pressey	William ferren	Samuel Sanborn
Jonathan Huse	Rowel Straw	Henry Page
Nathan Smith	Phinehas Batchelder	Joseph Tilton
Thomas Hoit	Edmund Buswell	Tim ^r Tilton
Nath ^l Ingalls	Peter Sanborn	William Rowel
Peter Ingalls	John Pervere	John Sleeper
Benjamin wells	thomas Grifen	Nath ^l Wells
Timothy wells	Benjamin Shaw	John Sanborn
moses heath	John Collins	Stephen Long
moses hath Juner	thomas fallows	David ———
Thomas Sherwell	Ichobod Shaw	Jethro Sleeper
theophilus Grifen	Thomas Cotton	Josiah morse
Ezekiel Eaton	Kelley Plummer	Edmund James Jun ^r
Spencer Bennet	Thomas Shaw	Ben ^a Hunkins
Ezra french	Thomas Edmonds	John Hearsee
Asa Heath	Benjamin Shaw jun	Daniel Kelley
otho Stevens	Humphy Clough	Richard Fitts
Alpheus Farrar	Moses grifen	Joshua George
Sargent Wells	James Eaton	Joshua Palmer
Robert Chase	Reuben Clement	John Colby
Samuel Davis	Robert Collings	

[For legislative action, see Vol. XI, p. 130.—ED.]

[10-27] [*Petition from one of the Exeter Insurgents: addressed to the General Court, 1796.*]

Humbly shews, David Sargent Jun^r of Sandown that in the year 1786 belonging to the company of Militia in said Town and being young and quite ignorant respecting public affairs, he by the request of the Officers and the example of many others of said Company was induced to join the party who went to Exeter as they said to seek for a redress of grievances—that your petitioner was one of those who were made prisoners and was then and there disarmed of a valuable firelock, which he is sensible was justly forfeited, but humbly prays that your Honours would consider him as an unexperienced youth at that time as he really was, and give order that he may receive said Firelock again, and as in duty bound shall pray—

David Sargent

Concord Dec^r 5th 1796

[The petition was dismissed.—ED.]

[R. 3-299] [*Petition of John Colby, Soldier.*]

Province of New Hampshire

I the subscriber namely John Colby of Sandown in said Province Inlisted as a privit Soldier und^r Coll^o Bayly the first year he went into the war and was taken by the Indians by Col^o Hinsdels fort and was Carried to Montrial and when that was taken I was Delivered out of Captivity and came hom Last October; and I never received any wages my self nor never gave any order to any person to draw any part of my wages

John Colby

May 4: 1761:

[Sworn before Daniel Little.]

[Said Colby appointed Jacob Bayley, of Hampstead, as his attorney (R. 3-300), in which he called himself as "Late of Newton, yeoman." Said Bayley petitioned in Colby's behalf (R. 3-301), April 16, 1761, stating that Colby enlisted in 1755, was taken prisoner in July the same year, and remained in captivity until Gen. Amherst captured Montreal in September, 1760. For particulars relative to Colby's capture, see Vol. VI, p. 412.—ED.]

SANDWICH.

The township was granted Oct. 25, 1763, to Samuel Gilman, Jr., and others, in seventy-two shares; and purported to contain six miles square of territory. The grantees caused the same to be surveyed, and finding the "Northerly & Westerly sides thereof, so loaded with inaccessible Mountains & Shelves of Rocks that it is uninhabitable," they petitioned for an additional grant of land lying south and east of the first grant. The petition met a favorable reception, and an additional tract was granted, Sept. 5, 1764, and called Sandwich Addition, with the following bounds: "Beginning at the south westerly corner of the aforesaid tract of land granted by the name of Sandwich, & from thence runs south one mile until it comes to (or upon a line with) the northerly side line of a tract of land called Palmers-town, or New

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Salem in that case to stop in a shorter measure ; then running east between the aforesaid tract called Sandwich & the said Palmers-town eight miles ; then turning off & running north seven miles ; then turning off again at right angles & runs west two miles, to the north easterly corner of the aforesaid tract called Sandwich."

By an act passed Feb. 22, 1785, a committee were appointed to fix the lines between this town, Tamworth, and Moultonborough, their report to be final and conclusive.

December 23, 1808, an act was passed appointing William Webster, Noah Robinson, and Abraham Burnham "to establish the jurisdictional lines between the towns of Sandwich, Tamworth, Eaton, and Burton" (Albany). This committee reported against making any change in the existing lines, and their report was adopted.

[10-28] [*Sandwich and Moultonborough Inventories, 1773.*]

The Inventory of the Pools & Estats of Sandwich & Moultonborough are as followeth Viz—

Moultonborough		Sandwich	
Pools	44	Polls	33
Slaves	0	Slaves	0
orchard	0	orchard	0
Arable land	52 Acres	Arable land	76 acers
Mow land	100 Acres	Mowing land	117 acers
Pasture land	60 Acres	Pasture land	80 acers
horses	2	Horses	2
Mares	2	Mares	1
Colts	1 three years old	Colts	0
Oxen	20	oxen	18
Cows	55	Cows	45
three years old	12	three years old	4
two years old	24	Two years old	27
Yearlins	15	Yearlins	9
Mills	0	Mills	0
Wharves	0	Wharves	0
ferries	0	ferries	0
Money		Money &c	200 L M
Stock in trade		Stock in trade	0

The above is a true Inventory of the Pools & Estates in Sandwich & Moultonborough taken by us the Subscribers in the

Month of april 1773 in pursuance of an act of Court for that purpose pass^d Janr^y 14th 1773

Danⁿ Beede } Select Men
Bagley Weed } of Sandwich

Sandwich ap^l 30th 1773—

[Sworn to before H. Wentworth, Justice of the Peace.]

[R. 3-298] [*Relative to Moses Page, Soldier, 1778.*]

The Petition of the Selectmen of Sandwich in said State Humbly sheweth that Moses Page Son of Jonathan Page of Sandwich Came to his fathers house at Sandwich Jan^y 15th 1777 where he abode till the 10th of april and him the said Moses hath not been an Inhabitant of any other town or Parish from march 1776 at which time him the s^d moses Enlisted into the Continental Service & there Remained till Dis Charged then Came to his fathers house at Sandwich as his only home & there had his name Entered in the Melisha List and Rate List and the tenth of april 1777 the s^d town of Sandwich hired him the s^d Moses at full price to Enlist Into the Continental army and Serve a turn for a man of Sandwiches quoto of the Contanental army Accordingly he Enlisted & passed muster for the town of Sandwich—Notwith Standing we have heard that Epping have Returned him as one of their men which if so we pray your Honours hearing thereon & we make no dout but we Shall make fully to apear our Rightfull property to the Benefit of him the s^d Moses—

Nathaniel Ethridg } Selectmen
Josiah Bean } of
nemiah cram } Sandwich

Sandwich March 31st 1778

State of Newhamp^r

Sandwich march 31st 1778

We hereby appoint mr Jonathan Page of Sandwich to present and prosecute the above Petition to Effect

[10-29] [*Petition to have Town-Meetings legalized: addressed to the Council and Assembly, Dec. 25, 1780.*]

The Petition of the Select Men of Sandwich in s^d State humbly sheweth that the Inhabitance of said Sandwich have ever from their first holding town meetings in said Sandwich for the Choosing the town officers for said town held their Annual

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Meetings for the Choice of Town officers on the Last Monday of March whereas the Day appointed by the Charter of said town to Hold their annual meeting is the Seccond Tuesday of March annually which makes it doubtfull wheither their officers are Legally apointed if not they have no Legal authority to collect taxes &c—

Wherefore we pray that your Honours Would Make an act or Resolve as in your Wisdom you see Good to Make Good & Valued in Law the appointment of the s^d town officers & other Publick transactions of said Town of Sandwich as fully as if their annual Meetings had been held on the Day appointed by said Charter—

And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

Daniel Beede	} Select Men
Ezekiel french	
John Prescut	
	} of
	} Sandwich

[The proceedings at all prior meetings were legalized by the legislature, June, 1781.—ED.]

[10-30] [*Relative to an alleged illegal Election, 1776.*]

To the Hon^{ble} the Counsel and Assembly of the State of New Hampshire—

The Petition Memmorial & Remonstrance of the Inhabantance of Sandwich in s^d State in Legal Meeting Conven^d humbly sheweth that whereas Jonathan Moulton Esq is said to be Elected to Represent MoultonBorough Sandwich & tamworth in s^d State in the above Named Assembly we think ought not to be admitted and pray he the Jonathan Moulton Esq May not be admitted there unto for the following Reasons—

First because him the s^d Jon^a Moulton Esq does not Reside within the Precinct nor County of the Electors

2^dly That on the meeting Day in the which the said Jonathan Moulton Esq was said to be Chosen and the day before & sum Days in the week before the s^d Jonathan Moulton Esq or his friends at Moultonbour^h did make Entertainments at which both Victuals & Liquers were distributed plentifully to a great Number of Electors with an apparent View (as we Conceive) of gaining their Votes

3^dly your Petitioners humbly conceive that the said Jonathan Moulton Esq was not Chosen by the Majority of the Legal votes as the Ballet brought in to Meeting was but two the Majority for the s^d Jonathan Moulton Esq whereas more than that

Number brought in ballet for the s^d Jonathan Moulton Esq which had no Pretention to any Right to vote in s^d Meeting Furthermore durement the time of the said Entertainment the friends of the said Jon^a Moulton Esq were disperced through Moultonberough Sandwich & Tamworth & brought in Votes from them that would not attend the Meeting a Small Majority of which were for the said Jonathan Moulton Esq and a number of which votes that were brought in for the said Jonathan Moulton Esq the men whose names were subscribed there unto deny that Ever Sign^d assented or Consented thereunto and the Moderator of the s^d Election Meeting being a Peculiar friend to the said Moulton Declar^d the Meeting to be Desolved before we had an oppertunity of Examining into the Case All which doth appear to us fraudulent & Destructive to the good Government of a free People Wherefore we Rely on Your Honours Wisdom & Power to Interpose all such unjust measures and we as in Duty bound shall ever Pray—

At a Town meeting held at Sandwich Decemb^r 16th 1776 Legally Notified by the Select men for the same Purpose Voted Uannimously that the foregoing Petition Memmorial & Remonstrance be Presented to the Councel & assembly with the Select mens—

Return on the Precept &c—

Test Daniel Beede Town Clk

[The election of Mr. Moulton was set aside, and a precept sent for a new election.—ED.]

[10-31] [*Taxes on Exeter Academy Lands.*]

A List of Taxes on the lands belonging to the Exeter Academy in Sandwich for the year 1781 & 1782 State & War Taxes

Taxes	1781		1781		1782		1781 [1782]	
	N Em		Silver		Silver		N Em	
	s.	d.	s.	d.				
The Right of								
Moses Thurston	£	5, 10	10,	3 ³ / ₄	£1, 11, 3		£1,	2, 8
Clem ^t Moody		5, 9		9, 8		19,—		16 —
Nehemiah Cram		6, 3		10, 10 ³ / ₄		1, 5, 3		1, 1,—
Enoch Clark		6, 9		11, 5 ³ / ₄		1, 6, 10		1, 2, 4
Edward Bean		6, 4		10, 3 ³ / ₄		1, 5, 3		1, 1,
Tho ^a Reynolds		7, 6		12, 9 ³ / ₄		1, 10,—		1, 5,
Benj ^a Batcheldor		6,—		10, 3		1, 6, 5		1, 1,—
Owen Reynolds		5, 9		9, 6		1, 3, 4		18, 8

Benj ^a Atkinson	6, 6	11, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1, 6, 0	1, 1, 8
Jos Atkinson	6,—	10, 1	1, 4 —	1, 0,—
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	3, 2, 8	5, 6, 5	12, 17, 4	10, 9, 4
			<u>5, 6, 5</u>	<u>3, 2, 8</u>
			£18, 3, 9 £13, 12,—	

New Emission £13, 12.

Silver £18, 3, 9

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Tho^a OdiorneRec^t Non Resident taxes

[10-32] [*Petition for an issue of Paper Money: addressed to the Assembly, 1786.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers Being Inhabitants of the Town of Sandwich in S^d State—most Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioners With Inhabitants of Said State Labours under Great Inconvenience for want of a Currancy or Medium Sufficient to transact the Common Business Between Man and Man and more Especially for the Payment of Public Taxes Within this State—and as the State is Grately in Debt and have Issued their State Notes to a Large amount—the Intrest of which they are annually Taxed as well as for Part of the Principle and Whereas the State is also Called upon and taxed for a Very Large Sum for the Payment of Intrest on Continental Lone Office Certificates Issued in this State the payment of all which is Rendred Next to an Impossibility by the Scarsity of money—Notwithstanding your Petitioners are Desirous to Discharge their Public Debts with the Strictest Honour and Integrity that the Nature of things will admit of—Your Petitioners therefore pray your Excellency and Honours would Immediately make and Issue a Sum or Bank of Paper money Sufficient to pay off and Discharge all Such State and Continental Lone office Certificates Issued in this as aforesaid and that Said paper money might Be made a Tender in all Past or futer taxes—and ansure in all payments in the Publick Treasury and in all payments on Private Contracts Whatsoever—Otherwise Relive Your Petitioners as your Excellency and Honours in Wisdom Sall Seem meet—and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray &c

Samuel Winslow Jr Thomas Burley Thomas Colby
Benj^a Kimball Eliphalet Marefield John Glidden

Benjamin Burley	Jeremiah Burpee	Benjamin Blanchard
Sargent Kimball	Joseph Hoyt	Joseph Quenbe
Elias Ladd	Nathaniel Ethridge	moses Brewer
Jacob Smith	Stephen Ethridge	John Beede
Elip ^t Smith	Edward wells	Edward Smith
Reuben Moulton	Elisha Mudget	Bagly Weed
Isreal Gilman	Caleb Gilman	Nehemiah Cram
John Brown	Simeon Smith Jr	Jonathan webster
Stephen Webster	Simeon Smith	Joseph thresher
John Ladd	Dominicus Prescut	John Jewell
Jethro Sanborn	Josiah Burley	David Bean
Jona. Gilman	Daniel Moulton	Jacob Weed
moses senter	Thomas Burley	Bradbury Prescutt
Samuel Burley	Benjamin Adkinson	

[10-33] [*Relative to disputed line between Sandwich and
Tamworth: addressed to the Assembly, Nov. 13, 1782.*]

Humbly Shews Nathaniel Folsom, Nicholas Gilman & Sam^l Folsom Esq^{rs} a Committee for and in behalf of themselves and other Proprietors of the Township of Sandwich in the County of Strafford

That for a Long time past there has been Pending in the Superior Court of Judicature within this State Sundry Actions between the Proprietors of Said Sandwich and Sundry Persons Settled in the right of the Township of Tamworth, which Actions have been Prosecuted by Said Proprietors of Sandwich at a very Great Expence & trouble, and must be at much more—

That by Interest of Some of the Justices of Said Court, and by other motives in Some others, Your Petitioners are in fear that they Shall never Obtain a Decicive Trial in those Cases Unless Your honours will in Justice & Equity Appoint and Commissionate Two, three, or four Special Justices to Sit in Said Court, and Adjudge those Causes,—wherein the Said Standing Justices are by Interest, or any other way Concerned or Disqualified to Judge thereof—Your Petitioners Therefore Humbly pray Your honours to Appoint a Sufficient Number of Special Justices to make a Quorum with one of the Standing Justices of Said Court to hear and Determine the Said Causes and any other in the Like Circumstances. That the Appointment may be of Such Gentlemen as are Disinterested in Either of the Said Townships of Sandwich & Tamworth, And Your Petitioners Shall Ever pray &c—

Nath^l Folsom
Sam^l Folsom

[See introduction.—ED.]

[10-34] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of Newhampshire & County of Straford—

A Return of the Just Number of all the Male Poles Paying for them Selves a Pole Tax in the Town of Sandwich this Present Year 1783 the Number of Which is one hundred & one Taken By the Select Men of S^d Sandwich December y^e 8th 1783

Attest

Jacob Smith } Select Men
John Ladd } of Sandwich

[Sworn to before Daniel Beede.]

[10-35] [*Relative to Taxes on Academy Lands: addressed to the General Court, June 4, 1788.*]

Humbly Shew^s the Select men of Sandwich in s^d State That the Genral Court on the 11th day of aprel 1780 Pas^d a Resolve that no Lands belonging to Dartmouth Colege Should be Sold for taxes Soon after a Resolve Pas^d that no Land belonging to the Philips Exeter Academy Should be Sold for taxes and it was further Resolv^d that the taxes for the Present or untill a new Proportion Shall he made Should be Charged to the State at which time one Sixth Part of the township of Sandwich belong unto Said Schools the Taxes due on which are as follows viz

	£	S	d
For the year 1778—	11	15	0
For the year 1779—	10	7	0
for the year 1780—	21	6	4
for the year 1781 New emission Paper	16	4	6
—Silver	4	17	8
for the year 1782	£15	8	2
for the year 1783—	8	8	8

Which account was Presented to the General Court in the year 1784 for allowance but through the hurrey of buisness was not attended unto Since which we have been Obligated to Pay & Settle Said Taxes with the Treasurer Therefore we Pray The Hon^{ble} Court to Grant unto the s^d town or the Selectmen of Said town for the town use an order on the Treasurer for Such a Sum as Shall be Justly due to Said Town—

And we as in duty bound Shall ever Pray

Jonathan Gilman } Select
John Ladd } men

[10-36] [*Statment relative to Roads, Bridges, etc., 1791.*]

Humbly Shewith the Inhabetance of Sandwich in Said State that the Roads in s^d Town, are very wet Rocky and two Bridges over a rappid Stream which often raises twenty feet Parpendicular in a very Short time which often carris off Said Bridges that a road leading through s^d town to Camptain is very much out of repare on which there is not one settlement for more than four Miles and another leading to Holderness equally bad on which there is no settlement for three miles which two Last mention^d Roads are all on Lands of non Residents and altho the highway Rate in Said Sandwich for Several years has been more than double to all other taxes yet are Very insuficient for the purpose of Repairing s^d Roads Therefore we Pray s^d Hon^{ble} Court to Pass an act to enable the Select men. of Sandwich afores^d to tax one Penny on the acre of all the unimprov^d Lands owned by non Residents in Said Sandwich Excepting Public Lands for the Sole purpose of Repairing said Roads leading to Camptain & Newholderness and as in Duty bound will ever Pray

at a Legal meeting held at Sandwich Decemb^r 13th 1790

Voted the above Petition be Presented to the Hon^{ble} Court above Said

Nathaniel French moderator
Daniel Beede Town Clerk

[10-37] [*Non-Residents' Answer to foregoing, 1791.*]

WE the Subscribers owners of Land in the Township of Sandwich being informed that a Petition is to be presented to the General Court to Tax the Nonresidents for the purpose of repairing highways in said Township Hereby signify our Consent that the prayer of said petition be now granted on the following Condition, on the part of the petitioners, Viz. that said Tax do not exceed One penny per Acre—

Exeter January 12th 1791.

John Taylor Gilman—Owner of sixteen Lots of One Hundred Acres each—

W ^m Parker j ^r Six Lots one hnnred acres each	1600
Jonathan Cass four Lots 100 acres each	600
Gideon Lamson four Lots 100 acres each	400
Nathaniel Gilman Five Lots : 100 : acres each	400
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[10-39] [*Petition for a Special Tax to Build Roads, 1796.*]

The Petition of the Subscribers Selectmen in behalf and Agreeable to a Vote of the Inhabetants of the Town of Sandwich Humbly Sheweth—

That the Inhabitants of the Town of Sandwich by Reason of their local situation among Mountain Ponds and Streams are obliged to be at great Expence to Support their highways and that the Town of Thornton request a road to be laid out and Made passable to their Line which is about Six miles without Inhabitants another Road must be made to Holderness about Two miles thro unimproved Lands and another to Burton under the Same Circumstance abut three Miles and almost all our Roads in Town very bad. Therefore we pray that the Selectmen may be impowered to Assess on all the Lands in Sandwich Two Cents per Acre for the Purpose of making and Repairing the before mention'd Roads and now laid out in Sandwich where most needed or Grant us relief in Such manner as you Shall in your Wissdom Think best and we Shall as in duty bound ever Pray

Sandwich Nov^r 21th 1796

John Folsom }
Asa Crosby } Selectmen

[The foregoing petition was granted.—ED.]

[10-40] [*Non-Residents' Remonstrance to foregoing.*]

The subscribers, owners of lands in Sandwich—being informed that application has been made to the Legislature for granting a Tax upon the non resident owners of lands in said Town and a time assign'd for a hearing thereon—Beg leave respectfully to shew—

That from the first settlement of said Township the proprietors have expended large sums for settling and defending the same and believe they are warranted in saying that their expences attending the settlement &c have been at least equal to the proprietary expences of Any Township within the State.—

That when the first grant of the Town was run out the proprietors found so great a proportion of bad lands within their limits that they determined not to prosecute the settlement unless they could obtain an additional Grant—which they afterwards did obtain.—That it appears by a Census taken in pursuance of the Act of Congress of March 1790 That the Town

The first of these is the question of the nature of the evidence which is to be used in the trial. It is a question of the most vital importance, and one which has been the subject of much discussion and controversy.

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The twentieth question is that of the method of selecting the jury. This is also a question of great importance, and one which has been the subject of much discussion and controversy.

then contained Nine hundred and five persons—that since that time the number has greatly increased, that a great proportion of the Valuable lands are already settled and there is a large proportion of the lotts unfit for settlement and of Very little Value—

That the Town petitioned the General Court in the year 1791 for granting a Tax of one penny an Acre—That the then agent and representative of the Town shew this petition to a number of the non resident owners of lands and requested their consent to the Grant of the Tax that the act might pass without previous public notice and from an Understanding with the said agent and Representative that on condition of their giving such consent no further request would ever be made on this subject they gave their consent in writing which was presented to the General Court and the Act passed at the Same Session—

That a General act having been passed by the Legislature for Taxing non-residents they did not expect application would be made for particular Taxes—That a Tax of a Certain Sum per acre on lands without regard to their Value is in their opinion unequal & oppressive—Wherefore they pray that said Tax may not be granted—

Nath^l Folsom
Nath^l Gidding
Gideon Lamson

N^s Gilman
Nat. Gilman
W^m Parker jr

SEABROOK.

The territory in this town was formerly a part of Hampton, and was a part of the town of Hampton Falls when that town was established, and so remained until June 3, 1768, at which time it was incorporated as a separate town by its present name, the derivation of which is obvious.

The Quaker Society, formed in 1701, was largely in that portion of Hampton which is now Seabrook, and its members were, by the act incorporating the latter named town, to be exempt from paying any taxes for the support of the Presbyterian church.

By an act passed December 7, 1816, a small tract of land was severed from Hampton Falls and annexed to this town.

June 26, 1822, an act was passed establishing the westerly boundary line of this town, by which a tract of land formerly belonging to South Hampton was declared to be within the jurisdiction of Seabrook.







